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Taiwan, Soviet planes crash

TAIPEI, Oct. 27, (AP): Rescuers located at least 31 bodies amid the wreckage of a China Airlines jet in a remote valley before darkness ended their search today, one day after the plane crashed into a mountain, airline officials reported.

The Boeing 737-200, with 54 people aboard slammed into the mountain and burst into a ball of flames five minutes after taking off from Hualien, a popular tourist spot on the island's east coast. The jet belonging to Taiwan's flag carrier was en route from Hualien to Taipei, about 150 kilometres (93 miles) to the northeast.

An air and land search for survivors of the crash was suspended tonight because of darkness. Officials said the search would resume tomorrow morning.

"The plane was broken into many pieces. It is hard to imagine anyone could have survived," said Communications Minister Clement Chang, who toured the crash site in a helicopter. China Airlines spokesman Lodge Lo said there were no signs of survivors as about 650 rescuers combed the heavily wooded site today.

He told reporters that rescuers found 31 bodies and parts of others strewn in deep grass in the valley.

"The bodies scattered all over the site," he said.

Rescuers undertook the arduous task of carrying some remains on a three-hour walk down the mountain to a military hospital in Hualien, Lo said.

Rescuers identified the body of businessman J. Wayne Phillips, 46, vice-president of the Universal Paint Co. of Los Angeles, according to Lo.

A Soviet military plane carrying missile crews and their families crashed into a mountain while trying to land on the Kamchatka peninsula in Soviet Asia, killing all 36 people aboard, Tass said today.

It was the third air crash with fatalities reported in the Soviet Union in a 10-day period, and the second in which Soviet army personnel were killed.

The Antonov-26 two-engine turboprop transport went down 35 kilometres (22 miles) north of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, the main city on the volcano-dotted peninsula north of Japan, Tass said. It said the crash occurred yesterday.

"The aircraft had an experienced crew led by flight commander Col Vladimir Yudenich," Col-Gen. Stanislav Kochemassov, Chief of Staff of the Soviet Strategic Missile Forces, was quoted as telling Tass. "Visibility was poor."

The plane hit a mountain while trying to touch down at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky airfield, the general said. The 30 passengers and six crew members were killed.

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Court upholds Marcos ban



Fernan is surrounded by reporters scrambling for a copy of the Supreme Court decision. (Reuter wirephoto)

MANILA, Oct. 27, (AP): The Supreme Court today upheld President Corason Aquino's decision banning the return of Ferdinand Marcos' body, ruling the former president's supporters might destabilize the government.

Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan said the court ruled 8-7 to reject a petition filed by Marcos supporters Oct 2 asking that the former president's body and his immediate family be allowed to return from Hawaii, where Marcos died in exile Sept 28.

Aquino has refused to allow the body to return, citing national security. On Sept 15, the court, in another 8-7 decision, refused to allow Marcos to come home. His supporters hoped the court would reconsider since Marcos had died.

In the majority opinion, the eight justices said: "The threats to the government, to which the return of the Marcoses has been viewed to provide a catalytic effect, have not been shown to have ceased."

They cited recent statements by Marcos' widow, Imelda, that her husband remained the legitimate president of the Philippines until his death.

"Instead of erasing fears as to the destabilization that will be caused by the return of the Marcoses, Mrs Marcos reinforced the basis for the decision to bar their return when she called President Aquino illegal," the justices said.

In the dissenting opinion, Justice Abraham Sarmiento said the alleged threat posed by the Marcoses "is the realm of conjecture, speculation and imagination."

He and the six other dissenting justices said the military had offered no firm evidence that the Marcoses pose a threat to national security.

"I am deeply concerned and greatly disturbed that with their decision banning a dead Marcos from burial in this country, they have passed an opportunity to defuse a constitutional crisis that threatens to ignite an already divided nation," Sarmiento wrote.

Lawyer Rafael Recto, a prominent Marcos supporter, said the decision was expected.

"There is no more hope for president Marcos and the family of president Marcos to return here as long as the Aquino government is here," Recto said. "And Aquino will never change her mind. They are afraid of the living, and they are also afraid of the dead."

Aquino praised the decision. "Let us now concentrate on solving the remaining problems of our nation and together work for development and economic growth as one people bearing one vision for the common good," he said.

Vice-President Salvador Laurel, who has called for the Marcoses return, said the court's decision showed that Philippine society was split by the issue.

Marcos' supporters argued that the ban violated the country's constitution and international human rights covenants.

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Symposium calls

'Ban ovary transplant'

KUWAIT, Oct. 27, (Kuna): The fifth Islamic Fiqh Symposium recommended that transplantations of testicles and ovaries be legitimately prohibited.

This was stated in the recommendations released here yesterday in conclusion of the symposium chaired by Kuwait Planning Minister and chairman of the Islamic Organisation for Medical Science Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadhi.

Ibrahimi praised Sfeir's position, saying: "It is a stand on which Lebanon's future will be built."

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He said those who rejected the pact, such as Aoun, wanted a withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon but international powers had indicated that this was not possible at this stage.

Lebanon's top Christian religious leader welcomed the pact for the country.

"Its results can save Lebanon. Otherwise, it can lead to Lebanon's division and disintegration," Sfeir said yesterday in a sermon after returning from a four-week visit to West Germany and Rome.

The pact gives the Muslim majority more say in the Christian-dominated political system and provides for a gradual pullout of Syria's 33,000 troops from Lebanon.

Former Lebanese president Suleiman Franjeh, the man who invited Syrian troops into Lebanon, arrived in Damascus and had talks with President Hafez Al Assad, officials said.

Lawson resigns

UK markets rocked

LONDON, Oct. 27, (Agencies): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, facing what some described as the worst governmental crisis of her 10 years in office, said today she would not change the economic policies that prompted the resignation of her treasury chief.

Britain's financial markets were rocked by news of the resignation yesterday of Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson and Thatcher's personal economic adviser, Sir Alan Walters. Lawson said he could not continue to serve as long as Thatcher retained Walters. Walters resigned shortly afterward. He did not give a reason.

The pound plummeted late yesterday and sank further early today before stabilising. Stock prices, in their first chance to react, dove this morning before recovering some of their losses.



Lawson and his wife, Therese.



Thatcher and Kenneth Baker.

Pretoria, Israel join in N-field

Shamir denies

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (Agencies): South Africa and Israel are co-operating on several programmes to develop ballistic missiles, including one with nuclear weapon potential, a US official says.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said intelligence reports indicated that South Africa last summer tested a modified version of the Israeli-made Jericho in medium-range missile at Armaston on the Indian Ocean coast near Cape Town.

Israel test-fired its own Jericho missile over the Mediterranean last year, he said yesterday. Both missiles have a 900-mile (1,450-kilometre) range.

The two countries, which have had an extensive defence relationship since the 1960s, also are co-operating in the development of a long-range missile that could be used to launch reconnaissance satellites into space, the official said.

Both Israel and South Africa have denied they are sharing such technology.

In Jerusalem today, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said the reports of Israeli-South African nuclear co-operation were designed to "tear the fabric" of US-Israeli relations at a time when Israel was trying to bridge differences with Secretary of State James A. Baker about peace talks with Palestinians.

One newspaper said some Parliament members had secretly discussed the possibility of a leadership challenge.

The new Chancellor of the Exchequer, John Major, was named to the post last night. Major had been foreign secretary for just three months before his move to the Treasury.

Major said he would continue Thatcher's fight against rising inflation with high interest rates, which already are at an eight-year high of 15 per cent.

Thatcher told reporters outside her office today that government policies would continue "precisely as they were" despite Lawson's resignation.

She expressed regret at his departure, citing his "enormous achievements," but said her new appointments were all "very experienced ministers."

Thatcher completed her cabinet reshuffle today, appointing Home Office Minister Timothy Renton to be the government's chief whip in the House of Commons. The previous whip, David Waddington, was appointed to head law and order concerns as Home Office secretary, replacing Douglas Hurd, who became Foreign Secretary.

Walters, who was not a cabinet member, had been working at the World Bank in Washington until Tuesday. He left Wednesday for Florida.

At a public appearance later today, Thatcher said her economic policies were working.

The government says there is no alternative to high interest rates to fight inflation and maintain the problems of inflation and record trade deficits are improving.

Critics say the policies have (Continued on Page 2)

I will not only fight to win but expect to win: Rajmohan



Rajmohan Gandhi is all ears at a press conference in New Delhi yesterday.

Battle of the grandsons

Court nod to Hindu rally

By Sonny Abraham Arab Times staff

NEW DELHI, Oct. 27: Rajmohan Gandhi, the man chosen by the Janata Dal to face Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in Amethi in next month's general elections in India said today, "righteous duty" had driven him to the decision, to challenge the prime minister.

"I will not only fight to win but I expect to win," Rajmohan, a tall and bespectacled 54-year-old journalist told a news conference.

"I cannot remain a mute witness to the assault on our pride in India, on the values of freedom movement and on our hope for the future," he said.

Rajmohan said the electoral battle in Amethi would be the nation's fight against corruption and its protest against the affront to its dignity.

On Thursday a spokesman for the opposition Janata Dal said Rajmohan would oppose Rajiv Gandhi in the Amethi constituency in the general elections on Nov 22 and 24. Despite their similar surnames, neither man is related to the other.

Rajiv, who took office in 1984 after his mother, prime minister Indira Gandhi, Nehru's daughter, was assassinated, filed his nomination papers on Tuesday. Rajmohan Gandhi has yet to file his.

Mahatma Gandhi, murdered by Hindu extremists in 1948, is venerated throughout India, as he is world-famous for his philosophy of non-violence. His name could be a potent political asset to his grandson, a well-known journalist.

The prime minister's surname has been considered an advantage by political analysts who have noted that illiterate, uneducated voters could easily be confused about its antecedents.

The choice of Rajmohan Gandhi, who joined the country's main opposition party less than two months ago with a vow to cleanse Indian politics, makes the battle in Amethi (Uttar Pradesh) a fight between the grandsons of two India's most famous sons. Rajiv is the grandson of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister.

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Foes are bribing: Benazir

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 27, (Agencies): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto yesterday charged her opposition has bribed, pressured and harassed lawmakers to support a no-confidence motion against her 10-month-old government.

"The opposition is using all sorts of pressure tactics, by harassing and bribing members of the National Assembly in order to create support for their no-confidence resolution," she told reporters.

Nawaz Sharif, head of the opposition Islamic Democratic Alliance, denied Benazir's allegation.

"These charges are levelled because the Pakistan People's Party and the federal government is full of weaknesses and these charges are to cover up their own deficiencies," he said.

Charges and countercharges have characterised the acrimonious politics of Pakistan following last November's elections, in which Benazir's populist Pakistan People's Party won a majority in the centre and the Islamic Democratic Alliance, composed of eight right-wing and fundamentalist parties, was elected in the powerful Punjab province.

Alliance leaders, meanwhile, said they could muster 129 votes, enough to unseat Benazir in the 237-seat National Assembly, or Lower House of Parliament.

But Pakistan People's Party officials said the opposition's figures were impossible in view of the party's own 117 seats.

Benazir told reporters her party is "fully united to foil the evil designs of anti-democratic forces." But a crack in that unity surfaced at a news conference

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 Falaika: 32°C 90°F
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 Kuwait: 92 per cent
 Ahmadi: 85 per cent
 Falaika: 85 per cent

Christian Patriarch accepts plan but Aoun rules out presidential polls unless MPs return

BEIRUT, Oct. 27, (Agencies): Lebanon's Christian Army Chief Michel Aoun demanded today that members of parliament return to Beirut to consult public opinion before meeting to elect a President.

He reiterated his rejection of the pact agreed by the Muslim and Christian deputies in Saudi Arabia under which an election would be held by Nov 7.

If they went ahead with the poll without first discussing the agreement, "it will be something like war," Aoun told a news conference.

Asked if the poll would be held as scheduled, Aoun said: "It depends on the deputies — if they come here or not. They have to come to see their people to discuss with them. A president must be representative of the population."

He was speaking after talks with Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, who is trying to arrange the parliamentary session to elect a head of state and house Speaker and endorse political reforms.

"I talked to the general about my mission," Ibrahimi told reporters in the ruins of Aoun's presidential palace in Christian East Beirut.

"All the brothers here (in Lebanon) have thoughts and views which we discuss and in the end we will arrive at the results which serve Lebanon and its future," the Algerian diplomat said.

After meeting Aoun, Ibrahimi consulted Patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfeir, spiritual leader of Lebanon's Christian Maronites, who yesterday welcomed the deputies' peace accord.

Ibrahimi praised Sfeir's position, saying: "It is a stand on which Lebanon's future will be built."

The Patriarch's statement highlighted the pressure on Aoun from within the Christian community. The largest Christian militia, the Lebanese Forces, and major political parties have supported the pact.

"There is no one among the officials who is less or more concerned than the other about the independence, sovereignty and dignity of Lebanon," Sfeir said, effectively rebuking the Maronite general.

He said those who rejected the pact, such as Aoun, wanted a withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon but international powers had indicated that this was not possible at this stage.

Campaign for base closure

Philippine constabulary protests

MANILA, Oct. 27, (Agencies): Nine members of the Philippine Congress launched a signature campaign yesterday to demand the closure of US military bases in the Philippines when the lease of the facilities expires in 1991.

The move followed the passage of a bill in the House of Representatives last week calling for a referendum on a new bases treaty.

The constitution bans foreign military bases after 1991 except under a treaty ratified by two-thirds of the 23-member Senate, where there is strong opposition to the US military presence.

Manila and Washington are to start talks in December on the future of the bases, considered strategic US installations in Asia.

Death threats don't bother

Cory's problem

MANILA, Oct. 27, (Reuters): President Corason Aquino has admitted she had problems with being a female ruler in a "macho" world and said death threats were part of the job.

Firmly defending her record and style of government since being swept to power in a popular revolt in 1986, Aquino said some people may think of her as being weaker than a man.

"My problem is being a woman, somehow I think in this macho world a woman is always thought of as being a little weaker than the man, although I would like to contest that," she declared.

During a meeting with Manila-based foreign correspondents ahead of a trip next month to the United States and Canada, Aquino said death threats and the risk of being ousted was something she had to live with.

"When one is in public office there are risks that must be taken and even before I became President of this country I did take a very great risk in fighting a dictator," she said, referring to her role in ousting the late president Ferdinand Marcos.

"I guess being President I will always have to consider that there may be somebody out there, or some people out there, who would like to eliminate me."

Asked if she was referring to a possible threat from her own military, she said: "No, not from the military, but people who are not comfortable with me being President, or who would like probably a change."

Aquino has survived five coup attempts since being catapulted to power in 1986.

The 56-year-old widow defended her style of government when one questioner suggested she largely reacted to events.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with reacting, you cannot always be taking the initiative, especially since I have always said my government is one of consultation."

UK tourist was murdered

NAIROBI, Kenya, Oct. 27, (AP): A court ruled today that a British tourist who died last year in a game reserve was murdered, capping a case that had drawn charges of an official cover-up.

"I think the animals are innocent," said chief justice Joseph Mango, rejecting the Kenyan officials' contention that Julie Ward, 28, had been eaten by carnivores.

Ms. Ward's partly charred lower left leg and lower jaw were found Sept. 13, 1988, in the sprawling Masai Mara game reserve, a week after she reportedly left the world-renowned park. Partly burned personal effects and ashes were found near her remains, 10 kilometres (6 miles) from her abandoned vehicle.

"There is ample and substantial evidence that Julie Ward died of foul play by a person or persons unknown," Mango concluded.

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Battle of the grandsons in Indian polls

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With just four days to go for filing of nominations, all the major political parties have been releasing lists of candidates but none has completed the process so far. The Congress (I) had till yesterday named 328 candidates, the Janata Dal 183 and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) 89. More names will be cleared in the next few days.

An important feature of the Congress (I) list so far is that Rajiv has apparently tried to rely on his ministerial colleagues and a significant number of sitting members of the Lok Sabha

(lower house). Among those re-nominated are External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, Home Minister Buta Singh, Energy Minister Vasant Sathe and Railways Minister Madhavrao Scindia. Rajiv's main foe, V.P. Singh had not announced from where he would stand. He has already made it clear that it will not be from Allahabad, the constituency that returned him with a massive mandate the last time. The Congress (I) has fielded Kamala Bahuguna, the widow of H.N. Bahuguna, from Allahabad.

Prominent Janata Dal can-

didates named so far include Madhu Dandavate in Rajapur, Aji Singh in Baghat, I.K. Gujral in Jalandhar and V.C. Shukla in Mahasamund. Rao Birendra Singh, former Congress (I) minister, has been fielded by the Janata Dal from Mahendergarh in Haryana.

Rajmohan said he would fight to win. Rajmohan was editor of Indian Express, Madras, for two years. He had also edited an English weekly, "Himmat" from Bombay for 17 years before it folded up in 1980.

In 1980, Rajmohan had contested on the Janata Party ticket from Jabalpur in Madhya

Pradesh and lost. He has gone on record to say that he would not exploit "the accident of his birth" during the campaign.

In addition to being the grandson of the Mahatma, Rajmohan Gandhi is also grandson of Chakravarty Rajagopalachari, the country's first Indian governor-general.

The Bharatiya Janata Party has so far named 89 candidates, including Mrs Vijaya Raju Scindia, one of its vice-presidents.

Film star Sunil Dutt has been re-nominated by the Congress (I) to contest from Bombay north-west. Former Maharashtra

Chief Minister A.R. Antyia has been fielded from Colaba in the state.

The Supreme Court today refused to ban religious processions by Hindu fundamentalists that have ignited Hindu-Muslim riots around parts of India, including Bihar state, where at least 45 people have died in communal bloodshed this week.

Officials in the Bihar state capital of Patna, southeast of New Delhi, reported no fresh deaths, but said additional paramilitary forces were being sent from other states to help maintain security.



The bodies of 24 men killed by a right-wing death squad bring traffic to a halt outside the city of Kandy. (Reuters wirephoto)

29 slain in Sri Lanka

Ruthless hunt for rebels

COLOMBO, Oct. 27, (Agencies): Bloodshed linked to an insurrection by Sinhalese extremists claimed 29 more lives, including four police officers killed today in a landmine blast that critically wounded seven other personnel, officials said.

Military officials claim they have information about a pending upsurge in actions by the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), which is fighting to topple the government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa.

They reported JVP fighters exploded a landmine at about 10:30 am as a police vehicle drove through countryside near Hambantota, 90 miles (150 km) south of Colombo.

The blast instantly killed four occupants of the vehicle, including a sub-inspector, and critically wounded seven others, they said. The officials reported the

powerful device destroyed the vehicle and left a crater about 12 feet (3.6 m) in circumference. Security personnel sealed off the area and searched for the attackers, they said.

Elsewhere, Defence Ministry officials reported 29 fatalities in island-wide political bloodshed during the 24 hours ending at 6 am today.

They blamed the JVP for killing nine civilians, and said authorities had recovered 16 other corpses of people slain by unidentified assailants, usually a reference to state-backed death squads.

The officials said the radicals torched eight government buildings in ongoing actions to destabilize the economy and undermine government authority as part of their larger aim to rule Sri Lanka under a leftist authoritarian regime.

Police officials in southern province, a hotbed of JVP activity, said the extremists had distributed leaflets declaring that next Friday would be a general strike to protest against a scheduled visit by Premadasa to the area.

The declarations called for all shops and businesses to close, all transport to stop and for people to stop using electricity.

Bullet-riddled bodies found on Sri Lanka's roadsides every day signal a ruthless hunt for leftwing Sinhalese rebels by security forces and vigilante death squads.

But Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne, countering charges the government is conducting a campaign of terror, told a news conference yesterday that most of the victims were "subversives" killed in combat with security forces.

French war of scarf heats up

Few happy with Jospin

PARIS, Oct. 27, (AP): The "war of the scarf" appeared to be heating up after Education Minister Lionel Jospin decided to allow Muslim girls to wear Islamic head coverings to class despite the law barring religion from school.

The issue, which erupted into a widespread national debate earlier this month, is the secularism of public schools, and to some extent the situation of immigrants to France.

Jospin, answering a question in Parliament on Wednesday and in a magazine interview published yesterday, tried to make everybody happy, but in the end seemed to have satisfied few.

The controversy began when three junior high school girls in a town north of Paris decided to wear a "hijab" covering hair, ears and neck to class. The principal said they could not and that to do so amounted to proselytism in school, which is illegal.

Jospin told Parliament that in such cases, school authorities should attempt to persuade the students and their families to "respect the secularism of the school," but if that failed, "the school must accept and welcome them."

At the same time, he stressed "the firm and absolute refusal that must be applied to all proselytism."

Teachers unions were particularly unhappy, but even members of Jospin's own Socialist Party clearly were not comfortable with the situation.

The leftist daily Liberation described Jospin as: "A minister of education, alone in the tempest, abandoned even by part of his own (party), who is trying to reconcile the irreconcilable."

The conservative newspaper Le Quotidien de Paris said Jospin's decision "is both against tradition and against the law."

Church and state were officially separated in this largely Roman Catholic country in 1905 and public schools are required to be completely neutral regarding religion.

"This business is going to have many consequences because we have begun a process of confrontation with Islam of which we are seeing only the first symptoms," said Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the extreme right National Front Party.

Ban on Muslim upheld

KOMOTINI, Greece, Oct. 27, (Reuters): An appeals court in the northern town of Komotini yesterday upheld a ban on a Muslim, Sadik Ahmet, contesting next month's Greek general election.

Ahmet, who aims to represent a Turkish Muslim minority, was ruled out of the election by a lower court decision that he failed to properly fill out candidacy forms.

"The move was deliberate so that the voice of the Turkish minority will be silenced," Ahmet's wife Isik said in a telephone interview. She said her husband would now campaign for Ismail Molla another Muslim running for an independent seat.

Another Muslim candidate Serif Ibrahim was ruled out of the Nov 5 elections for the same reason.

Ahmet won Greece's first independent Muslim seat in the 300-seat Parliament after inconclusive elections last June. His candidacy set off angry exchanges between Turkey and Greece. Greece labels the 130,000-strong Turkish minority Greek Muslim, an ethnic legacy of the Ottoman empire which ruled the western Thrace region until 1913.

Lawson resigns

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pushed Britain to the brink of recession, and many in the public seem to agree.

The government trails the socialist opposition Labour Party by up to 10 percentage points in opinion polls. The next general election, however, is not due until mid-1992.

Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock, in a BBC interview today blamed the crisis on "the utter incompetence of the prime minister."

The Times of London, which normally supports Thatcher, said she faced her biggest crisis since taking power in 1979.

The Independent reported: "Government in Turmoil ... Nigel Lawson last night delivered Margaret Thatcher the biggest blow of her decade in office and shook the Conservative Party to its roots."

But senior Conservative leader echoed party chairman

Kenneth Baker, who dismissed any suggestion that Thatcher's position was at risk.

"She has been in many difficulties and come through them successfully. There is not an economic crisis. The economy of the country remains very strong," Baker said in a BBC radio interview.

Major said fighting Britain's 7.6 per cent annual inflation remained the government's overriding objective. "Monetary policy is tight and is beginning to have its effect. I shall keep it tight for as long as necessary," he said.

Lawson, 57, increased interest rates to 15 per cent in a bid to choke off cost of living increases and prop up the pound on world markets.

He had held the job since 1983, engineering tax cuts and an economic recovery. He and Thatcher appeared in close harmony as long as the boom lasted, but when it began to falter 18 months ago, reports of discord surfaced.

Fiji on alert for Diwali

SUVA, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Fiji's armed forces will be on alert during Deepavali, a Hindu religious festival, over the weekend after recent attacks on places of worship used by Indians, army commander Major General Sitiveni Rabuka said today.

Rabuka, who staged two coups in 1987 to counter Indian influence in the Pacific island nation, said he was concerned after firebomb attacks at a mosque, a Sikh temple and two Hindu temples in Fiji's second largest city of Lautoka earlier this month.

Lautoka remained tense with riot squads patrolling the streets. Rabuka said an army battalion permanently stationed there was also maintaining a close watch.

Moscow offers help to arrange dialogue between ANC, Pretoria

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 27, (AP): The Soviet Union is ready to help arrange negotiations between the South African government and the African National Congress, a high-ranking Soviet foreign affairs official said yesterday in an unusual interview on government-run radio.

"We support those in South Africa who are for peaceful dismantling of apartheid, and of resolving internal problems in your country," the Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister for African Affairs, Anatoly Adamishin, said in a telephone interview

from Paris broadcast on Radio South Africa.

"If there is a will to talk, I think it will be possible to organize the talks," said Adamishin. "If the Soviet Union is asked to help in these negotiations, they are ready to do it, and both sides know that."

Adamishin, who since May 31, 1986, has been responsible for Africa as well as humanitarian and cultural ties, also revealed in the interview that his portfolio has been changed. He did not say what his new job will be, but he is a European expert.

"Maybe it's my last statement on African affairs

because I'm afraid I will not cover them anymore in the ministry," Adamishin said at the end of the interview. "My portfolio, yes, it's been changed."

"The policy of new thinking, or maybe to be more precise, the policy of (Soviet President Mikhail) Gorbachev, is to solve conflict by peaceful means."

"It is certainly valid for the South Africa region and the situation in your country, and we support those in South Africa who are for peaceful dismantling of apartheid and of resolving internal problems of your country," he said. "And if we are asked we

certainly (would) do our best in order to facilitate the process of approaching and beginning talks."

A magistrate today banned planned weekend protest march by black trade unions, but activists proceeded with arrangements for a mass rally featuring recently freed leaders of the outlawed African National Congress.

South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu said British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's opposition of tough economic sanctions against the South African apartheid regime was "scandalous."

PEOPLE AND PLACES

KINGSTON: A magistrate on Thursday ordered the arrest of Jamaican singer Grace Jones when she failed to appear for the start of her trial on drug charges but he delayed execution of the warrant until December 14.

It was the seventh postponement of the trial in which Jones is to face charges she possessed a small quantity of cocaine. Police have not disclosed how much cocaine was found, but media reports put it at 0.18 gramme. (Reuters)

BRISBANE: An unemployed Australian chef was jailed for six months on Friday after claiming a world record by refusing to pay for 102 meals.

Paul Dossa, 49, was arrested on Thursday after eating a meal worth 106 dollars (\$90) at a French restaurant, stripping to his underwear and offering his clothes as payment, magistrate Peter Mitchell was told. (Reuters)

WASHINGTON: Scientists have found evidence that spiders may have been spinning their webs for as long as 385 million years, Science magazine reported.

A well-preserved fossil found near Gilboa, New York, contains a spider's spinneret, the silk-spinning organ in the spider's abdomen, the magazine said in an issue due out on Friday. (Reuters)

NEW YORK: Bruce Willis says he's not nostalgic for his wild and crazy bachelor days.

The 34-year-old Willis, who is married to actress Demi Moore and the father of their young daughter, Ramer Glenn, said he hasn't lost anything. (AP)

CHICAGO: Author Kurt Vonnegut made a surprise visit to the City News Bureau of Chicago, where he was a cub reporter more than 40 years ago.

"It was delightful talking to him," said managing editor Paul Zimbrakos, who started working at the bureau in 1958, after Vonnegut's time.

City News is a wire service owned by Chicago's major daily newspapers and serves as a training ground for young journalists. (AP)



Youngest transplantee

Carol Levton holds her seven-week-old baby Kyle as he recovers from a heart transplant on Oct 26 at children's hospital in St Louis. Kyle underwent surgery on Oct 17 at the age of only 47 days, making him one of the youngest patients to successfully undergo the operation. The operation was necessary because he was born with a severe heart disorder. (Reuters wirephoto)

LONDON: Pop star Jimmy Somerville pleaded innocent on Thursday to charges of obstruction during a demonstration against Australia's Aids policy, saying he was prepared to go to prison for his beliefs.

Somerville, who was lead singer with the British pop groups the Communards and Bronski Beat, was released on unconditional bail and ordered to stand trial on Nov 23.

The singer, 28, was arrested with four others on Tuesday outside the Australian embassy while demonstrating against Australian plans to refuse visas to immigrants who carry the Aids virus, called

HIV, which is a precursor to acquired immune deficiency syndrome. (AP)

MONTREAL: Opera star Luciano Pavarotti kept singing and singing — for a half-hour worth of encores at a sold-out fund-raising concert for the Montreal Symphony Orchestra.

Among the appreciative audience was former prime minister Pierre Trudeau, who received birthday greetings at an after-concert dinner and dance.

Trudeau, who turned 70 last week, said the concert was "beautiful." (AP)

NEW YORK, Oct 27, (AP): Indicted Saudi financier Adnan Khashoggi has won a brief reprieve from court-ordered confinement to New York and has been granted permission to spend two weeks in California.

Khashoggi's trip is an exception to travel restrictions attached to his release on \$10 million bail while he awaits trial in March on charges he helped Imelda and Ferdinand Marcos defraud the Philippine treasury.

While in California, Khashoggi's movements will be monitored by an electronic ankle bracelet ordered by US district judge John Keenan.

Special arrangements have been made to conduct the monitoring during his stay at the exclusive Century Plaza hotel in Los Angeles.

His attorney, Robert Morvillo, said in an Oct 12 letter to Keenan that Khashoggi's hotel room will be equipped with a personal phone line to accommodate the

monitoring device.

The letter listed Khashoggi's itinerary as eight nights at the Century Plaza hotel and the following five at the home of his brother, Essam Khashoggi, in Santa Barbara.

Keenan granted permission for the trip in September.

Morvillo said in an interview that Khashoggi's stay in Los Angeles could be characterized as "part business, part pleasure."

He said Khashoggi would meet with one of his other attorneys to discuss the status of certain civil lawsuits in which he is involved.

Khashoggi, a fugitive after the US charges were brought in Oct 1988, was detained by Swiss authorities last April and held until his extradition last July to the United States.

In New York, Khashoggi resides at his luxury penthouse apartment on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue.

Seattle rated best city in US

WASHINGTON, Oct 27, (UPI): Seattle, San Francisco and Pittsburgh have been rated the most livable cities in the United States by the 1999 places rated Almanac.

Laredo and Odessa, Texas, and Pine Bluff, Arkansas, were rated at the bottom of the list — numbers 331, 332 and 333.

Washington, D.C., was listed in fourth place, followed by San Diego, California fifth, Boston sixth, and New York City, seventh.

Anaheim, California, and Louisville, Kentucky, were tied for eighth, and New York's Long Island suburbs rated 10th.

The Rand McNally book, aimed at people considering a move to another spot in the country, is published every four years.

And despite the deadly earthquake that shook northern California last week, authors David Savageau of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and Richard Boyer of Asheville, North Carolina, were sticking to their No. 2 ranking for San Francisco.

"This is a natural hazard," said Savageau in a telephone interview, explaining the factors the two used to pick the best spots to live were still in force.

The earthquake just means some people are going to change their minds."

He said to choose the best places in the country to live, the two figured in nine factors — cost of living, job outlook, crime, health care, transportation, education, the arts, recreation and climate.

"We rank them ourselves, with data from public and private organizations," he said.

The Almanac gives Atlanta 11th place, Cleveland 12th, Philadelphia 13th, Cincinnati 14th, Los Angeles 15th, Salt Lake City 16th, Baltimore 17th, Chicago 18th, Oakland, California, 19th, and Miami 20th.

Savageau was asked if he was getting heat from cities not rated high on the list?

"We never meant this book to be used by cities," he replied. "We wrote the book for mobile people — for people who have to move. Seven million people move every year."

In the four years since the last Almanac, Pittsburgh slid from No. 1 to No. 3.

In 1985, Boston was ranked second and Raleigh, North Carolina, third. This year, Boston slipped to seventh and Raleigh to 23rd.

Lance Shaffer, executive vice-president of the greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, took the news philosophically.

"We're very, very pleased that Pittsburgh has ranked in the top five for three consecutive rankings," said Shaffer.

"We're delighted with that ranking. We welcome Seattle to the family of most livable cities."

Despite a crippling strike at Boeing aircraft, Seattle got good enough marks to rack up the best cumulative score.



Sen. John Glenn, while taping a television interview is slugged on the chin Oct 25 by an assailant identified as Michael Breen, 31, of Washington (Reuters wirephoto)

Man slugs senator

Psychiatric evaluation ordered

WASHINGTON, Oct 27, (AP): A US magistrate yesterday ordered that a man who slugged Sen. John Glenn be held without bond and sent to a federal prison hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

Michael Breen, 31, of Washington, identified by prosecutors as an engineer with Martin Marietta Corp., is to undergo testing for 30 days at a federal prison hospital in Butner, North Carolina, magis-

trate Deborah Robinson ordered.

He appeared before Robinson on felony charge of assaulting a member of Congress a day after he slugged Glenn on the jaw as the Democrat was being interviewed by a television reporter in front of the National Air and Space Museum.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Bush abortion' win risky

WASHINGTON, Oct 27, (Reuters): President George Bush, taking an anti-abortion stance, won a veto showdown with Congress on Wednesday but his critics in both parties say he is on a politically risky course.

The abortion issue was loomed large on the political stage since a Supreme Court ruling last July opened the way to more restrictive laws on abortion.

Bush vetoed a bill on Saturday that would have allowed poor women to receive federal government assistance for abortions in cases of rape or incest. Present law restricts such aid to women whose lives would be in danger if the pregnancy continued to term.

Proponents of the change in the House of Representatives failed on Wednesday to muster the two-thirds majority needed to override

the veto but did manage to increase their vote on the issue to 231 against 191 against the change.

Two weeks ago the vote was 216 to 206. Last year the House rejected a change in the abortion rules by 216 votes to 166.

Bush's opponents on the issue hailed the latest demonstration of their strength which they said reflected a new mood in the country on abortion and said Bush and his supporters could find their stance politically costly.

"I feared President Bush may have stumbled on the issue that may cost him re-election in 1992," New York Republican Bill Green said.

Green, one of 42 Republicans who joined 189 opposition Democrats to vote against the President, also voiced concern about the effect of the abortion issue on his party.

No special privileges for Gabor's time in jail

LOS ANGELES, Oct 27, (AP): Zsa Zsa Gabor, accustomed to a life of entertainment and elegant gowns can expect a Spartan cell and a cotton shift or pantsuit if she chooses to serve her 72-hour jail term at the country women's jail.

But she would get colour television. Under the sentence handed down on Tuesday by Beverly Hills municipal court judge Charles Rubin, the actress, convicted of slap-

ping a police officer, choose any jail in Los Angeles county to complete her 72-hour stay behind bars before Dec 29.

Gabor said she was still upset about the sentence.

The actress was in the middle of taping an interview for the US television programme "A Current Affair."

In that interview, Gabor said the judge and prosecutor Ira Reiner enjoyed the trial's cir-

cus-like publicity more than she did.

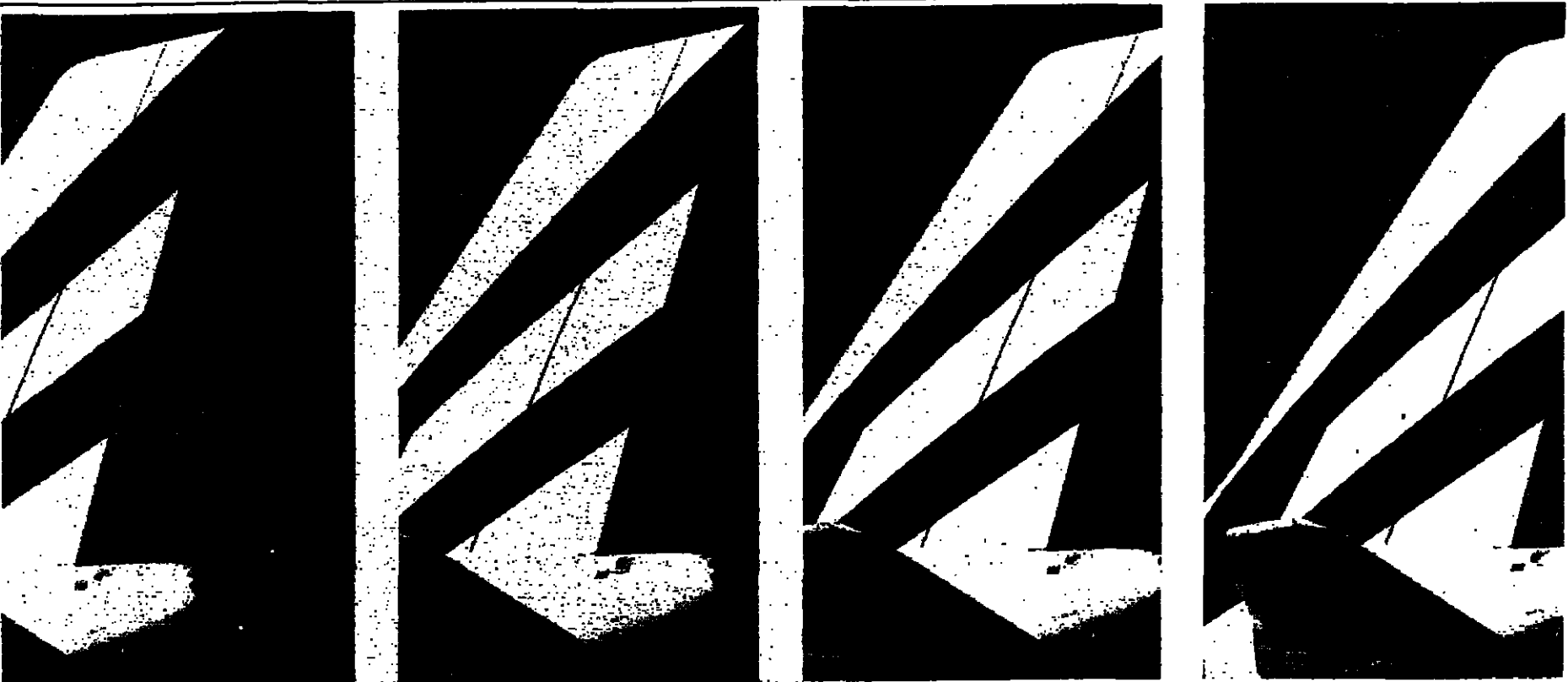
"They loved it. They milked it. I don't need it," she said. "I'm a rich woman. I don't need these people, they needed me."

Sybil Brand Institute, the county's jail for women, is probably the institution best equipped to deal with a celebrity inmate such as Gabor, Sheriff Sherman Block said.

"She will receive absolutely no special privilege here," said Lt. Joe Sargent.

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Top UN official forced to quit

GENEVA, Oct. 27, (Reuters): The top United Nations official in charge of refugees resigned amid controversy after an investigating team unearthed damaging new evidence against him, diplomats said today.

The discreet but thorough investigation was carried out by a retired senior UN official and prompted Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to ask Jean-Pierre Hocke to resign as high commissioner for refugees yesterday.

Hocke had been blamed for rising costs and low staff morale at the agency, which aims to help the world's 14 million refugees.

The diplomats said Spaniard Patricio Ruedas, a former UN under-secretary general for administrative matters, spent four days in Geneva last week looking at all UNHCR books and questioning staff.

Ruedas, helped by a four-man team from UN headquarters in New York reported back to Perez de Cuellar late last week at the end of the unpublished visit to Geneva.

The diplomats said Ruedas dug out more damaging evidence on Hocke, a 51-year-old Swiss national, who said yesterday he was resigning because of what he called "public and anonymous attacks" against him.

The contents of Ruedas' report were not known but one diplomat said that its conclusions, coupled with charges that Hocke had misused a special Danish fund earmarked for refugee education, led to his downfall.

"No human being is immune from making mistakes," Hocke told a packed news conference today.

Looking tired and drawn after flying in from New York, he presented himself primarily as the victim of a smear campaign and "irresponsible attacks," which he said had prevented him from ably leading the UNHCR in the difficult months ahead.



Too much to bear

Rescue workers uncovered two more bodies Thursday from a landslide that devastated a Sao Paulo slum, bringing to 13 the number of people killed in the disaster, civil defence spokesman said.

Officials said rescue workers pulled four people alive from the rubble Tuesday, hours after a hillside collapsed and destroyed some 70 shacks.

On Thursday morning, workers found the body of 25-year-old Maria Dutra de Oliveira cradling the body of her 8-year-old son Jose Luiz, the spokesman said. Another 26 people are missing and believed buried under the mud in

Gethesemani o Nova Republica, a slum on the outskirts south of Sao Paulo.

Ten of the 13 known dead were children under the age of 10, officials said.

A spokesman for the municipality of Sao Paulo said authorities have filed a lawsuit against construction companies that are believed to have piled dirt from building projects on top of the hill over the slum.

A mother whose child was buried by the mudslide refuses to leave the scene of the tragedy and is being restrained by rescuers. (Reuters wirephoto)

Big One by 2018 likely

Forecasts serious and reliable

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27, (AP): An earthquake more deadly than last week's jolt is 50 per cent likely near San Francisco, and a catastrophic "Big One" is at least 60 per cent probable in southern California by the year 2018, scientists say.

Overall odds for such quakes, which could kill thousands of people, were listed in a 1988 US Geological Survey study. They remain unchanged by the Oct 17 upheaval that claimed at least 63 lives in the San Francisco Bay area, said geophysicist Jim Dieterich, the report's lead author.

The report predicted a 30 per cent chance by 2018 for a magnitude 6.5 quake on the segment of the San Andreas fault that caused last week's quake. That jolt measured 7.1 on the Richter

scale, suggesting the forecast was conservative.

The earthquake "makes one realise these forecasts are serious and reliable," said California Institute of technology geologist Kerry Sieh, one of 12 co-authors of the study, which represented a scientific consensus.

The report said the chances of a repeat of San Francisco's magnitude 8.3 earthquake of 1906 is less than 10 per cent within 30 years. The 1906 quake ruptured the San Andreas fault and killed at least 2,500 people, according to recent studies.

The next magnitude 7 quake will be much more devastating than the recent jolt because it will be located closer to the city on either the San Andreas or Hayward faults, Dieterich and others said.

"The chance of another destructive or more destructive earthquake in the Bay area is still high, and the chances in southern California are even higher," Sieh said.

The study listed overall 30-year probabilities of 50 per cent for a magnitude 7 quake in the Bay area, and 60 per cent to perhaps 70 per cent odds that the "Big One" measuring 7.5 to 8.3 on the Richter scale will rupture the San Andreas fault in southern California.

A 1980 report by the federal emergency management agency estimated a magnitude 7.4 quake on the Hayward fault could kill 3,000 to 7,000 people, hospitalise 13,000 to 27,000 and cause \$44 billion in damage. No estimate exists for a magnitude 7 quake.

Bush hopes to fan flames of freedom

Presidents of Western hemisphere hold summit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (Agencies): US President Bush travelled to Costa Rica for a meeting of North and South American democracies today, declaring on his departure that the Western hemisphere's "democratic resurgence helped set the stage for today's electrifying changes in the communist world."

Bush made the remarks at Andrews Air Force base in suburban Maryland near Washington before boarding Air Force One to fly to San Jose, the Costa Rican capital.

He was to join other freely elected state leaders from the Americas in celebration of the 100th anniversary of democracy in Costa Rica.

"And so we journey today to advance this new world of freedom, and salute the traditions of a nation and a people that in many ways represent the model for our entire hemisphere," he said.

Bush said that in nation after nation in Latin America "courageous people" have voted in new leaders and "marked the end of autocratic rule."

The White House said there was no plan to adopt any resolutions or issue a communique at the meeting, which brings Bush together with more than a dozen other leaders, including Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega.

In an interview with Latin American journalists released yesterday, Bush ruled out separate talks with Ortega because he said the leftist Nicaraguan leader was bucking the tide of democracy in the region.

Bush will be part of a dialogue with Ortega at today's celebration of Costa Rican democracy, says host President Oscar Arias.

"I respect president Bush's decision not to have a private meeting with Ortega, but there will be a dialogue among all of us around a table," Arias said yesterday at a news conference as 19 hemisphere leaders began arriving for a two-day "summit of the Americas."

"The truth is we will be capable of sitting down to discuss a common agenda," Arias added.

The leftist President of Nicaragua has made it clear he would like to meet with Bush, but the US President, under pressure from domestic conservatives, has refused.

Leaving Andrews Air Force base outside Washington today morning, Bush made no direct reference to Ortega. He said he was travelling to Costa Rica to "salute the traditions of a nation and a people that, in many ways, represents the model for our entire hemisphere."

Costa Rica "is no longer one of the few lonely democracies" in the Western hemisphere, the president said in his departure statement. "Indeed today there are only a few lonely holdouts against the sweep of democracy through the hemisphere."

Security was tight as presidents and prime ministers began arriving yesterday under cloudy skies.

Ortega 'won't rig' elections

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 27, (AP): UN poll monitor Elliot Richardson has returned from Nicaragua to report that the country is headed for an "honest" presidential election, dismissing US government concerns that the vote will be rigged.

Richardson, the former US attorney general and personal envoy of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, is charged with observing the Nicaraguan campaign through the Feb 25 balloting.

US will back Panama plotters

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (AP): The White House and the Senate Intelligence Committee agree on liberalised conditions for future US involvement in coup attempts aimed at toppling Panama's de facto leader, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, the panel's chairman says.

US President George Bush's administration and the Senate Intelligence Committee agreed on a "meeting of the minds" over the past two weeks, culminating in a detailed session yesterday with representatives of the CIA, the US Defence Department and the State Department, said Senate committee chairman David Boren.

Boren said his understanding is that US officials will be free to counsel and consult with potential coup plotters so long as the plot does not specially set out to assassinate Noriega, chief of the Panamanian defence forces.

Also yesterday, the intelligence panel approved a bill authorising intelligence activities for the next two years and settling a long-running dispute over how the president reports clandestine overseas operations to Congress.

The committee dropped a proposal to force such disclosures within an absolute 48-hour limit after Bush agreed to put in writing his policies on informing Congress.

The compromise followed nine months of negotiations and essentially restored the understandings on reporting covert operations that existed 10 years ago, before they were shattered by the Iran-Contra affair.

Since the failed Panama coup on Oct 3, Congress and the White House have traded accusations over who was to blame for the lack of US preparation. Administration officials have contended Congress tied their hands through too strict an interpretation of the government's ban on participation in assassinations of foreign leaders.

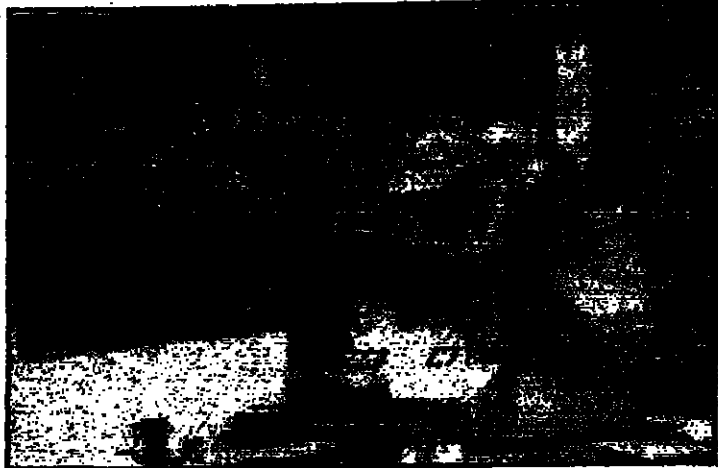
"We have removed any ambiguities" that may have clouded the meaning of the 1976 executive order that bans US participation in assassination plots, Boren said. Bush is referring the matter to the Justice Department for a new interpretation of the order, said Boren.

"No one feels that the executive order prohibiting assassinations should be taken to the extreme position that you have to warn someone (of a coup being plotted against them) or that you can't participate in planning a coup where assassination is not the objective," Boren said.

"I believe history will show that this hemisphere's democratic resurgence helped set the stage for today's electrifying changes in the communist world," Bush said, referring to reform movements sweeping Eastern Europe.

"When people replace dictatorship with popular rule across an entire continent — the world takes notice. The news is irrepressible and inspiring for those with democratic dreams of their own."

Bush said that in the Americas, "We have the opportunity to create the world's first completely democratic hemisphere where free markets and the marketplace of ideas can prosper hand in hand."



Skies in check

Colombian soldiers man a newly-installed Israeli-made anti-aircraft gun, which is hoped will deter any possible aerial attack against Bogota by drug traffickers. The anti-aircraft gun is capable of covering 98 per cent of the sky over Bogota. (Reuters wirephoto)

Colombia cops killed in blast

Judge backs extraditions

BOGOTA, Oct. 27, (UPI): Six policemen were killed in two separate attacks in Medellin yesterday, the same day the Supreme Court vice-president reaffirmed that extraditing alleged drug traffickers to the United States is constitutional.

Police yesterday also said they broke up a drug-linked terrorist ring run by an ex-policeman. Four police officers were killed last night when a 45-pound dynamite (20 kg) charge exploded under the bus that was taking them from from police headquarters in Medellin to their night assignments, police said.

Police said the bomb, which was apparently detonated by remote control, caused the bus to veer into oncoming traffic and collide head on with a taxi. Forty others were injured in the incident and police said no one claimed responsibility.

The two other officers were killed earlier in the day while walking on their beat in Medellin, 180 miles (290 km) northwest of Bogota. The city is home to one of Colombia's most powerful cocaine cartels.

The attackers drove up on a motorcycle and opened fire with a sub-machine-gun, killing both policemen after 1 am, a Medellin city official said. The gunmen fled and no one claimed responsibility for the attack.

US officials meanwhile asked Colombia yesterday to extradite

another suspected cocaine trafficker to stand trial in a US court. Four Colombians have been extradited to the United States since Barco re-established extraditions in a state-of-siege order on Aug 18.

Supreme Court vice-president Hernandez "Guinea" Ochoa, apparently trying to alleviate confusion over a statement by another judge earlier in the week, said Barco's extradition order was legal under the Colombian constitution.

On Tuesday, Supreme Court Judge Jaime Sazán indicated the court had agreed that extradition under Barco's order was legal only if no extradition treaty was in effect. He indicated a 1979 treaty — suspended by the Supreme Court in 1987 — remained in effect because the United States had not formally cancelled it.

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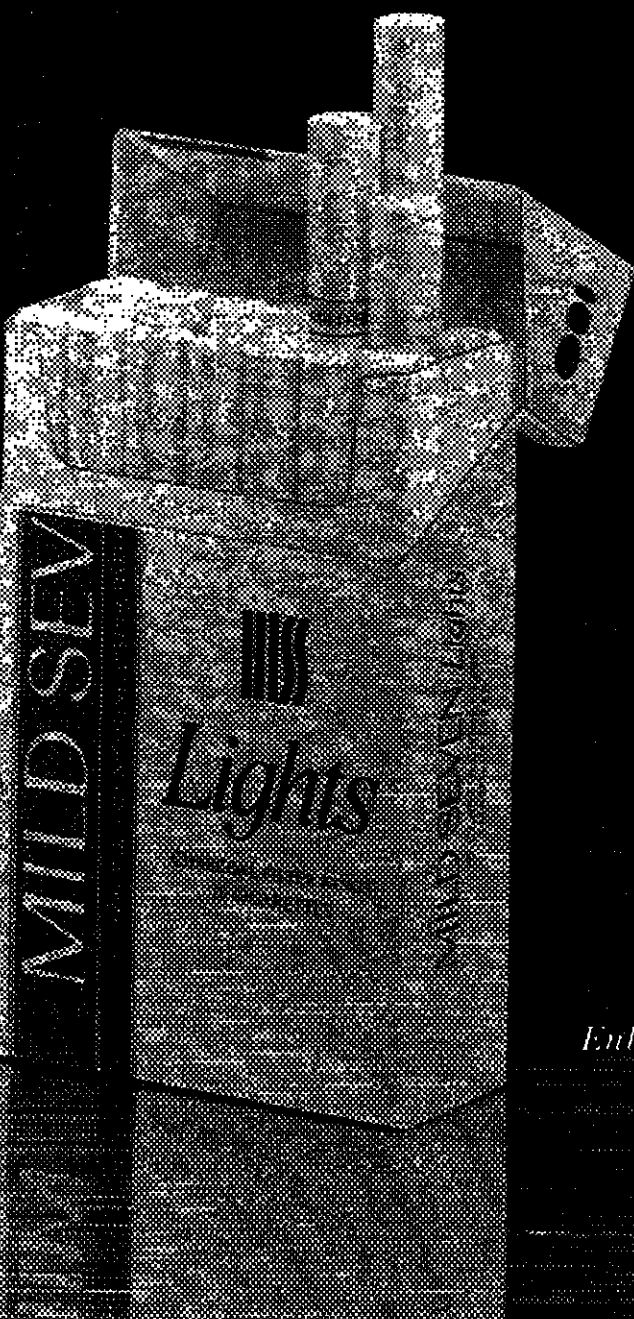
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GDR pardon to free many

BERLIN, Oct 27, (AP): East Germany's new leadership today declared an amnesty for all citizens accused of illegally trying to escape from the communist nation, a move expected to free several thousands people from prison.

The amnesty announced by the official news agency ADN also covers people charged with illegally taking part in street protests and tens of thousands of people who have fled West since July.

It is the most concrete step toward appeasing the nation's growing opposition movement since Egon Krenz took over as Communist Party chief on Oct 18.

All the prisoners would be freed by Nov 30, the news agency said. The measure excludes people accused of violent crimes, ADN added.

East Germany does not release official figures on prisoners, but Western sources say it is in the thousands.

The amnesty includes East Germans who have fled to West Germany over the past few months. That would allow the refugees to return to their homeland without facing criminal prosecution. It is a crime to leave East Germany without government permission.

ADN said the amnesty covered all those accused of border violations up to today.

"This is the first signal that we have been waiting for such a long time," opposition leader Baerbel Bohley told the Associated Press. She said further reforms also were needed, including a revision of the legal system.

The announcement followed several calls in state-run news media today for the Communist Party to work to win back public trust, lost during years of denying there were any national problems in the communist state.

On Thursday, pro-democracy rallies continued in four cities.

In an interview published today, Markus Wolf, the nation's legendary former spy-master, called for greater openness in the communist nation.

Wolf, the former intelligence chief who is believed to be interested in returning to public life, also expressed sympathy for East Germans who headed West.

Declaring his continued support for socialism and the party, Wolf said, "the recovery of trust is demanded before we can develop further."

About 100,000 people rallied last night in Dresden, apparently with the approval of local party officials.

Also yesterday, some 25,000 people demonstrated in Rostock, 15,000 in Erfurt and 5,000 in Gera, ADN reported.

A group of 141 East Germans who had been held up in the West German embassy in Prague boarded buses today for West Germany.



Nose down

A gasoliner trailer-truck-tanker missed a turn and went over the bank to land nose down and remain with the back wheels up. The driver suffered injuries with no other mishap added as the tanker was empty at the time of the accident. (Reuters wirephoto)

Haughey condemns murder of soldier

'IRA' attack

DUBLIN, Oct 27, (Agencies): Prime Minister Charles Haughey today condemned "in the strongest terms" the slayings of a British serviceman and his six-month-old daughter in West Germany.

In a statement issued in Dublin, Haughey said: "All reasonable people must be appalled by this callous act."

Royal Air Force Corporal Maheshkumar Islania, 34, and his daughter, Nivvuti, were killed by gunmen who raked their car with gunfire last night near the Royal Air Force base at Wildenrath in West Germany, near the Dutch border. His wife, Smitta, survived the attack but was hospitalised in shock.

German authorities said they were fairly certain that the attack was carried out by the Irish Republican Army, fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland and unite the mainly Protestant province with the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Irish Republic.

Former Irish foreign minister Peter Barry, of the opposition Fine Gael Party said if the double killing was the work of the IRA, it would have "shown once more that they have no respect for life — be it adult or child."

Dick Spring, head of the Irish Labour Party and former deputy prime minister, said it was "simply impossible" to understand a mentality that would put a child at risk for any cause, let alone kill a child.

Police set up road blocks to catch the gunmen who fled in a Ford station wagon with Detroit area number plates towards the Dutch border.

West Germany's federal prosecutor's office said it had ordered its anti-terrorist specialists to assist in the hunt for the two men.

"We are seeking the criminals in the ranks of the Irish Republican Army," prosecutor's spokesman Hans-Juergen Foerster said in a statement.

Senate approves death for terrorists

WASHINGTON, Oct 27, (AP): US courts could impose the death penalty on terrorists convicted of murdering US citizens under legislation that has won overwhelming Senate approval.

Capital punishment is needed for "the kinds of offences that are an affront to humanity," Sen. Arlen Specter said yesterday as the Senate approved the measure 79-20.

Under the bill, which now goes to the House for consideration, courts would remain free to impose prison sentences rather than capital punishment on

the small number of terrorists who are convicted in US courts of murdering US citizens overseas.

A court would not be able to impose the death penalty unless the attorney-general certified that the motive for the killing was to coerce, intimidate or retaliate against a government or civilian population.

The Senate rejected, 70-29, a move to replace the death penalty for such terrorist murders with life in prison.

Call for Warsaw pact changes

WARSAW, Oct 27, (AP): Non-communist Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki told Warsaw Pact foreign ministers their alliance is not threatened by his nation's reforms, but he held out hope for "a world free from opposed military blocs."

Mazowiecki, the Solidarity activist who in August became the first non-communist leader of a Warsaw Pact country, made his remarks during a dinner toast for foreign and trade ministers attending a regular two-day pact meeting in Poland's capital.

He also called for "radically" restructuring Comecon, the organisation that co-ordinates economic ties among the seven pact countries, and stressed the need for respect for the internal sovereignty of pact nations.

"These principles take on particular significance at the present time of changes going on in many of our countries," he said, apparently referring to reforms under way in Hungary and the Soviet Union and the turmoil in East Germany.

"Appreciating the importance of these changes, we believe that they will favourably influence an atmosphere around Poland that would be conducive to solving our problems," he said.

Mazowiecki, speaking at the first Warsaw Pact meeting to be held in Poland since Solidarity took control of the government, used the occasion to reassure other members of the alliance, which also includes Bulgaria, Romania and Czechoslovakia.

"Our reforms pose no threat to anybody and violate nobody's interests," he said.

"On the contrary, the changes that are going on in Poland now lead to normalising the internal situation, and thus indirectly to stability of European relations," he said.

"Poland is true to her commitments as an ally and fulfills her duties stemming from this," Mazowiecki said.

He also said Poland wants to "expand and improve" political and defence co-operation in the Warsaw Pact, as well as economic, scientific and technical co-operation in Comecon.

But he said Europe should be less divided. "The Warsaw treaty cannot lag behind the current of transformations. We must not lose sight of the vision of a world free from opposed military blocs."

"Today it is important to put emphasis on the political instead of the military roles of the treaties."

The secret police will disband undercover units and turn off listening devices to win back "public acceptance and prestige" and a place in Poland's reforms, commanders said.

Gorbachev to ditch four nuclear subs

Finland visit ends

HELSINKI, Oct 27, (Agencies): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev headed for home today after a three-day state visit to Finland during which he promised to scrap four nuclear submarines and called for the setting up of a Nordic nuclear-free zone.

As the Soviet leader left the northern Finnish town of Oulu after a short stopover, the Soviet army underscored a Gorbachev commitment given yesterday to lower regional tensions, by announcing cuts in conventional forces in the area.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said the Soviet military had announced that 40,000 troops and 1,200 tanks in areas adjacent to Finland were to be cut by 1991 and that substantial cuts would also be made in artillery.

Prior to the announcement, Nordic countries reacted carefully to Gorbachev's speech last night in which he attempted to breathe new impetus into his largely ignored 1987 initiative for the Nordic region.

The Soviet leader said four remaining nuclear-armed Golf-class submarines in the Baltic Sea would be scrapped and he called for a zone free of nuclear weapons to be set up in the Nordic countries.

The White House yesterday rejected Gorbachev's call for a nuclear-free zone in the Baltic, saying it would not bolster European security.

"Most of these proposals have been designed to affect Nato deterrence capability while leaving Soviet nuclear weapons intact," spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters.

Defence specialists throughout the Nordic region said today that Gorbachev's offer to remove the Golf-class submarines in the Baltic Sea was the fulfilment of a programme of removing obsolete vessels and its military effect insignificant.

"He (Gorbachev) said nothing about withdrawing the nuclear missiles on the other ships in the Baltic Sea," said Swedish national defence research spokesman Bjorn Eklind.

"They are 30 years old and the sound of the sea away birds miles away when they are up at the surface," Eklind added.

"I have with great interest read Gorbachev's speech and I'm looking forward to discussing the various proposals during my visit to Moscow in November," said Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson.

Denmark's government welcomed Gorbachev's statement saying "there were some positive signals in the President's speech."

"In the military sphere it was good to have reaffirmed the Soviet Union's previous promise to remove the Golf-class submarines from the Baltic," said Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen.

"Our job now is to seriously study the various thoughts he put forward," Ellemann-Jensen said.

Reaction in Finland to the Soviet leader's speech was generally low-key and concentrated less on its military aspects and more on the unequivocal acceptance given by Gorbachev yesterday to Finnish neutrality.

"I wish to stress most firmly that the Soviet Union unreservedly recognises Finland's neutral status and shall continue to do so in the future," the Soviet President said.

Finnish Premier Harri Holkeri said that for Finland the neutrality issue had been of primary importance.

Soviets cutting troop strength

MOSCOW, Oct 27, (Reuters): The Soviet Union said today it was slashing its troop strength near Finland by 40,000 men in an announcement time which coincided with a visit to Helsinki by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Armed forces chief of staff General Mikhail Moiseyev said in an interview with Tass news agency that the planned troop cuts in the northwestern army group were part of a general reduction in Moscow's armed forces because ties with Nordic countries had improved.

"The planned measures will cut the northwestern army group by 40,000 men and 1,200 tanks. Substantial cuts will also be made in artillery," Moiseyev said.

He did not say how many troops were in the northwestern army group now but said the personnel of the Leningrad and Baltic areas would be slashed by one-third by 1991.

Moiseyev said the reductions in the northwestern area were being made because there were "positive changes in Europe and improving relations with the northern countries — Finland, Sweden and Norway."

He said further cuts of Soviet troops in the region depended on reciprocal steps by the United States and the Nato Western military alliance.

"The Soviet side is disturbed by the lack of prospects for the complete liquidation of nuclear weapons in the region and by recent setbacks to disarmament," Moiseyev said.

Gorbachev announced in Finland yesterday the unilateral withdrawal of all ballistic nuclear submarines from the Baltic Sea by the end of next year.

US won't take advantage Pull back likely

WASHINGTON, Oct 27, (Reuters): The United States believes the Soviet Union may soon propose further unilateral troop withdrawals from Eastern Europe, and is again signalling Moscow it will not take advantage of the situation.

The State Department said yesterday that a passage in a speech this week by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze could be interpreted as an indication that Moscow intended to pull back troops stationed in Eastern Europe.

Shevardnadze told the Soviet Parliament on Monday that Moscow had proposed eliminating foreign military bases and a military presence on the territory of other countries by the turn of the century. He did not specifically refer to Soviet forces or to Europe.

But the State Department statement said: "The Soviets may be signalling that they are searching for ways to disengage from some of their foreign military commitments, particularly in Europe."

"If this is so, we support that aim and are willing to work with them to preserve their security through political rather than military means."

A State Department official commented: "We don't want to see Eastern Europe in flames or the nationalities question undermine stability in the Soviet Union and we want them to know we're not going to go after them or try to destabilise things."

Soviet Ambassador at large Sergei Batsanov, who heads his country's delegation to the Geneva disarmament conference, told a news conference at the United Nations yesterday that he did not exclude unilateral Soviet troop withdrawals.

"Our goal is by the year 2000 there should not be Soviet troops stationed abroad. How to achieve it is another question. Frankly I do not exclude unilateral steps," he said.

The Soviet Union is already carrying out a pledge by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev at the United Nations last December to withdraw 50,000 troops from East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary by 1991.

Soviet Chief of Staff General Mikhail Moiseyev also announced today that the Soviet Union would cut its northwestern army group, covering the Leningrad and Baltic areas, by 40,000 men and 1,200 tanks by 1991.

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Islamic charity meeting opens in Kuwait

Amir's initiative for poor hailed

KUWAIT, Oct. 27, (Kuna): The general assembly of the Islamic International Charitable Organisation opened session here yesterday in the presence of more than 150 scholars and Islamic preachers from all over the world.

Addressing the opening session, the

Imam of Al Azhar Mosque (the highest religious academy in Egypt) Sheikh Jad Al Haq Ali Fad Al Haq said the organisation extended aid to the Afghan mujahedeen and the young heroes of the Palestinian uprising who defend Islamic sacred places by sacrificing their lives.

Sheikh Ali saluted HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah for Kuwait's efforts in the interest of Islam and Muslims.

Chairman Yousuf Al Hajji elaborated

on the achievements realised by the organisation during the past year, indicating that a fund-raising campaign for Palestinians in the occupied territories had received benevolent response.

He said the organisation had opened

an office in Sudan to assist in relief operations in collaboration with the concerned authorities. He said the organisation runs branches in Niger and Uganda and had requested the concerned authorities in Jordan, Egypt and Qatar to facilitate the opening of branches.

MPW to launch multi-million dinar projects

Upsurge in construction expected

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

A SERIES of multi-million dinar projects, including the extension of the Bayan Conference Centre, are being launched in a bid to enhance the quality of life in Kuwait now that the country's vital infrastructure is nearly complete.

Some 60 projects are currently in different stages of planning and implementation with the KD75 million Amir Diwan reconstruction being the most expensive and the KD40 million Bubiyan Island Resort promising to be rather challenging.

Two other projects, the KD20 million Petroleum Centre that will house the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, and the National Computer and Microfilm Centre estimated at KD16 million are also under way.

The projects mark a new phase in Kuwait's physical development primarily aimed at improving facilities and services in the country but also adding to the aesthetic value of Kuwait's urban landscape, said Talal Othman, director of planning and follow-up office at the Ministry of Public Works.

Othman is reluctant to make a connection between the new projects and the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war although there is no denying that some plans, such as the Bubiyan Island Resort, could not have been put into action while hostilities raged.

"There has not been an upsurge in project approval since the ceasefire. What gives an impression that there has is the fact that a number of projects have come out of the design stages and have been put on the market for construction. This is pure coincidence," insists Othman.

Industry sources tend to agree but point out that there will be more construction activity in the next three to four years after which the momentum will subside.

"What we have on our books

now is enough to keep us busy for the next five to 10 years," says Othman.

Consulting his list Othman enumerates 44 building and seven landscaping projects as having been approved. Another six, including a KD12 million Public Authority for Civil Information building, are being considered while further 14 so-called inactive projects are awaiting approval.

Plans for the latter have been made but hurdles such as budget approval, site allocation or client requirements have yet to be overcome.

Othman's list does not include the multi-billion Subiya town project which is handled by Kuwait Municipality. Nor does it mention the Subiya causeway that may become Kuwait's prime architectural landmark if a design providing for a monumental span over the navigational channel that also incorporates a large monument and an aquarium, is adopted. The KD350 million Subiya bridge is under the authority of the roads department.

Flexibility
Planners wiped the dust from the two projects that had been shelved for years, only late last year, months after the hostilities in the Gulf war ended.

To save time and retain a certain amount of flexibility the ministry is using the design and build method on some projects which means both actions are carried out simultaneously.

This is the method adopted on the KD18 million extension of the Bayan Conference Centre, built for the Islamic summit conference that took place in January 1987. Additions to the KD80 million centre include a banqueting hall for 1,500 guests, a guest palace for visiting heads of state who are now accommodated at the Salam Palace and a mosque.

Two tenders for temporary works are ready and others are being prepared. The entire project will take about four years

by which time the Amir and the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, who now use the Bayan centre as the Amir Diwan, will be able to return to the Sief Palace, currently being reconstructed.

The Sief Palace will change beyond recognition with most buildings without historical value being pulled down, land to be reclaimed on the seafloor and roads to be realigned to divert traffic away from the palace. Othman reports that work on six out of 20 construction package tenders is either complete or about to be finished. The construction site has been prepared, the relocation of underground services, such as water and electricity supply, is near completion while marine and land reclamation works are still going on.

Pile testing to examine the strength of the soil has been finished as work continues on the construction of a security building and a batch plant which will produce all the concrete needed for the project. Tenders for foundation building and piling have just been signed.

As designing runs parallel to construction works, the project plans which have already been subject to changes may be further altered "to suit our schedule," Othman said.

The ministry is currently in the process of hiring a consulting firm to work out a design for a KD40 million Bubiyan Island Resort, a project approved about two months ago. Initiated by the government-owned Touristic Enterprises Company the project envisages chalets and other facilities to be built on the southern tip of the marshy island that is now used as an army outpost.

Consultants are now working on a design for a KD20 million Petroleum Centre to be situated next to the Ramada Al Salam Hotel on the site of the former chlorine and salt factory in Shuwaikh. It will house the Kuwait Petroleum Company and all its affiliates.

Kuwait calls for end to arms race at UN

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 27, (Kuna): Kuwait yesterday called on developed countries to take into consideration the needs of developing countries in regard to the financing of their foreign debt.

The Kuwaiti representative Fayez Al Otaibi called for an end to the arms race because it diverted resources from social development.

He was addressing the social committee which discussed a group of items on programmes involving youths, the elderly and the disabled, plans for holding an international family year, crime control and social welfare policy.

Most speakers in the committee stressed the serious economic factors such as the debt crisis and trade imbalances were giving rise to deteriorating social conditions in developing countries.

The Bahraini representative Bibi Shari' Al Alawi said Bahrain had made youth concerns a major part of development plans a social centres and camps had been established to allow youth to learn a sense of responsibility.

On the questions of aging, she said, Bahrain had devoted considerable attention to the elderly in recognition of their contribution to society.

Restructure organisations, says Khalid

TUNIS, Oct. 27, (Kuna): Kuwait as the first Arab country to call for the restructuring of joint Arab action organisations to guarantee profitable and serious performance.

In a statement to press reporters here, Kuwait Minister of Industry and Trade Faisal Abdel Razak Al Khabid said some of those organisations failed to implement the tasks assigned to them, became centres for employment and represented a big burden on the budget.

It was for these reasons that Kuwait had urged the formation of an ad hoc committee affiliated with the Arab League to be entrusted with the study of restructuring Arab organisations and institutions, he said.

Khalid took part in the seventh Arab Conference on Industrial Development.



Nawaf returns from Fao

Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed returned home Wednesday night after attending Iraq's celebrations marking the reconstruction of the Fao city as personal representative of HH the Amir.

Sheikh Nawaf told Kuna upon arrival that he conveyed a message from HH the Amir to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein who praised Kuwait's firm support of Arab national causes.

The minister said the Iraqi leader entrusted him with his greetings and wish to HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, and the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Sheikh Nawaf expressed his thanks for the hospitality accorded to him by Iraqi officials during his stay in Baghdad.

Codams project

Urbanisation process constantly reviewed

A LOCAL daily has carried out a field interview of a number of municipal employees involved in the Codams project to find out the various activities under this project and the services performed.

Amal Al Bassam, a computer operator, said that the work she did involved the identification of differences between old and new aerial topographic photographs. Old is defined as pre-1960s. A demarcation line is drawn between the aerial photography of that and the present times and old data is validated and updated.

Sahar Al Askar, data-feeding computer operator, said that her work involved feeding data on water, electrical, sanitary, storm water and telephone networks, as well as information relating to below and above-ground services such as electrical posts, and infrastructure. This is to accumulate national stocks of data to furnish ministries and user government agencies.

Haifa Al Zaid, another computer operator, said that her work involved surveying technicalities and preparation of surveying maps based on the data fed by the field surveyors into the computers, which ultimately served the purpose of projects launched around the country.

Faten Mohammed, a computer operator, said that she checked the names of real estate owners as registered with the Ministry of Justice in comparison with the information and data available at the Municipality to establish the validity of this data.

Updating

Head of the operation division, Ahmad Al Farhood said that his division staff were involved in the preparation of the country's master-plan. The project required taking aerial photographs for different areas and preparation of maps at varying scales.

He said that the project provided on-the-job training for Municipality staff, and that the Kuwait masterplan project is aimed at keeping track of the urbanisation process in the country and the topographic developments resulting from this natural growth process. The entire results will be subject to regular updating every five years.

He said that the preparation of aerial maps was a pre-requisite for all projects launched by the service ministries and also by the tactical and strategic projects undertaken by the Ministry of Defence.

The head of the follow-up section Mohammad Al Abdullah said that the Land Survey Department had commissioned a special computer system to monitor and follow-up the progress of transactions handled by the department. The actual date of system operation was Jan 2, 1989.

The use of the system helped the department to speed up the processing of transactions, follow-up the route taken by these transactions through the processing course, provide fast answers to queries raised by clients, and preparation of monthly statistical reports on the number of transactions handled by the department over the past period.

The positive effects and merits of the system were clearly noticeable during the first three months of using the system. Potential developments of the system could upgrade its performance and increase its working advantages, Abdullah said.

The deputy head of the section said that a total of 2,315 transactions had so far been entered into the system, of which 1,574 were processed and finalised, while 741 remain to be processed.

Pancreas transplant operation successful

KUWAIT, Oct. 27, (Kuna): A complicated fourteen-hour surgery removing a pancreas from a fifty-year-old man and transplanting it into his brother was successfully performed in Kuwait recently.

In the Hamid Al Eissa Organ Transplant Centre two weeks ago, 49-year-old Mahmoud Taber Saeed received a part of his brother Rasm's pancreas after doctors decided that insulin shots were not helping Mahmoud who suffers from diabetes, a disease which is quite common in Kuwait.

This is the first time in the Middle East that an operation such as this has been performed by local doctors. The patient is in steady condition and does not need insulin shots anymore.

Rasm, the patient's brother left the hospital and is in good condition. He told Kuna that he had donated a kidney to his brother last year which has been received without difficulty.

He added that "Hesitation in donating an organ to save the life of a relative or a close friend is stupidity ... but it needs absolute courage and strong faith."

"I encourage everybody who has a relative with diabetes to donate a part of the pancreas, and those who fear such a step should come to me so that I can give him a rehearsal," he concluded.

Sabah returns from New York

KUWAIT, Oct. 27, (Kuna): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed returned here Wednesday evening from New York, following a brief stopover in London, after leading Kuwait's delegation to the UN General Assembly's current session.

While in New York, Sheikh Sabah delivered Kuwait's address before the 159-nation assembly which reiterated the initiative made by HH the Amir

of Kuwait in respect of the problem of world debts and the mechanism to address that crisis.

Sheikh Sabah also held a series of meetings on the sidelines of the General Assembly session.

Sheikh Sabah met separately with Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and General Assembly President Joseph Garba to discuss the UN's agenda and matters of bilateral interest.

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Tony Alkhal, THERE are no pre-conditions for family visit visas — except the salary without specifying, according to director-general of the General Immigration Administration Col Ahmed Al Wotab in an interview that appeared in July, 1989.

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In case I finish my two-year contract, instead of going back home, can I go to another country (not in the Middle East) on a tourist visa? If it is possible, where and what are the rules?

E.S., IF you want to change to another sponsor, you have to discuss this matter with your employer who is willing to sort out your papers. You can also contact your agent to find another job for you. In case you finished your contract after two years, you can go to any other country which can provide you with a tourist visa. Concerning tourist visa, you have to contact embassies here and find out what are the rules for obtaining such visas.

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I've heard that those who have completed three year service under one sponsor can seek a transferable visa. Can you advise.

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Economy will grow in 1990s: Khorafi

Call to confront EEC plans

KUWAIT'S endeavours beginning at the end of the 1970's and peaking during the onset of the 1980's has been primarily instrumental in developing the financial sector by establishing commercial and specialised banks, including investment companies, the Chairman of National Bank of Kuwait Mohammed Abdul Mohsen Al Khorafi has said.

Government statistics, tentatively envisage that expenditure annually is around KD3 billion, he added.

The institutions empowered to chart the financial policies and development of the country, have been significantly successful in bifurcating the various government expenditures with their inherent reliance on oil revenues, Khorafi said.

In a pre-designed plan, the government is according priority to the most productive sectors and to development projects that have selected and identified as vital to the development of the state.

This is evidenced by the turnover of purchase accredited to the requirements of the public sector from the local market i.e. purchase of requirements of the public sector from the local market. This is further enhanced, if figures of local turnover are seen in the light of construction projects being accorded to local contractors, Khorafi added.

With this background of commercial indigenous turnover, the Kuwaiti economy is expected to grow gradually during the beginning of the 1990's.

However, such growth still depends to a great extent on the prices of oil as traded at international markets and also depends to a great extent on the commitment of international financial institutions on the reconstruction of development projects in Iraq and Iran.

Depending on the stability of the economic situation of the Gulf in general vis-a-vis the Iraq-Iran war, competition among commercial banks during the 1990's will increase. Liquidity in the market will be based on the development of new services provided to customers, Khorafi said.

The forthcoming proposed unity — EEC 1992 should be viewed pragmatically by not only the regional Arab Gulf countries, but should spur the entire developing

nations towards concerned action.

In this respect, Khorafi said: "Kuwaiti banks have a distinguished role to play in evaluating the consequences of such an alliance and bringing out a charter to confront the designs of intended EEC plans."

Kuwait, in this respect, has the financial and entrepreneurial expertise to address these forthcoming impediments towards the financial developments of the Gulf and Kuwait in particular. This is obvious in the diversification of their financial resources — financial deposits, down-stream industries, real estate holdings, and accumulated untouched reserves. Kuwait has the biggest oil refineries and outlets for its indigenous products in markets of Europe, the official said.



Cash rewards for traffic officers

The Director-General of the General Traffic Department Brigadier Abdul Hameed Hajji Abdul Raheem has presented a number of traffic police officers with monetary rewards granted by the Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah in appreciation of their effective role in a number of traffic cases, in Hawalli and Jahra.

The rewards were handed out in a ceremony at which Brigadier Hajji delivered a speech expressing gratitude for the minister's goodwill initiative point-

ing out that it signified more effort and dedication on the part of the police personnel to fulfill their financial duties.

Present at the ceremony was the Director of the Hawalli Traffic Department, Col. Hmoud Al Khorafi, Director of Jahra Traffic Department Col. Faisal Al Roudhan, Director of the Traffic Operations Department and head of the Public Relations Division Lt. Col. Mustapha Juma'a.

Women discriminated against, says Jardawi

Enlightened approach requested

CONTRIBUTIONS of working women towards a country's Gross National Product (GNP), their primary functions as "keepers of the hearth," their priorities towards society and myriad inter-related factors having a direct bearing on the level of values of a nation has been adjudged by a senior Kuwaiti planning expert.

An estimated 650 million working women constitute one-third of the total workforce throughout the world, according to Dr. Abdurouf Al Jardawi, planning expert at Kuwait's Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

Explaining these contributions in terms of figures, the official said that women inspire of these figures along with their contributions towards affairs closer to home, have been confirmed as being victimised in their jobs, not accorded equal job opportunities, discriminated on the basis of sex and in general exploited.

The contributions of the working women towards the GNP in industrialised countries has been estimated at US\$14,500 per annum.

In a seminar held at the Kuwait Trade Union Federation on the theme of "Working Women" Jardawi said that

though this discrimination is evidenced in all advanced countries, it is highly conspicuous in developing countries. Talking on this scenario, Jardawi commented: "although we are at the onset of the 20th century, 80 per cent of Arab women still suffer from illiteracy."

As a direct result, only nine per cent of Arab women are able to work and contribute towards the country's development process as compared to 45 to 50 per cent in advanced countries and 20 per cent in developing nations.

Viewed within the calls for mobilising all community resources towards developing manpower and utilising all available expertise to developing the potential of the nation, the official said that it is quite surprising that one should hear calls for women to stay at home and attend to their biological and reproductive functions. This is not within the keepings and "enlightened dictates of the 20th century" the official said.

Co-ordination

Citing statistics for this statement, the expert cited the case of Bahrain where working women constitute 5 per cent of the country's workforce, and Saudi Arabia 4.6 per cent. Inter-related, social service sectors per-

centages of working women accounted for 76 per cent in the UAE, 95 per cent in Kuwait and 84 per cent in Bahrain. These figures relate to statistics for the year 1975.

A comprehensive study undertaken by dailies in Kuwait, UAE and Bahrain indicate that women are the primary movers in areas of marriage, education of children, co-ordination of activities of the household and basically keeping the home front on an economical keel.

Taking cognisance of the vital importance of women's role in the "life of the nation," several laws have been enacted. Initially, the law of the private sector provides that necessary care and protection be accorded to working women and has banned women from working night shifts or in industries that could be construed as dangerous to their well being. The law has stipulated that working women be granted 70 days maternity leave. The law further called for equality of wages and job-advancement among the sexes.

In a move further designed to strengthen and uphold the rights of working women, Kuwait's Social Security Law has stipulated that married women, should they desire could retire after 15 years of service — ins-

tead of 20 years as stipulated for men. Additionally, working women are entitled to two months maternity leave and another exceptional leave — 130 days paid leave, in addition to leave for a further six months to four years in the unfortunate death of their husbands.

Specifically, in the oil sector, the law defined working hours for women at 40 hours per week, provision of suitable accommodation, annual leave of 30 days for the first five years and 40 days per annum after this period.

Disparity

On illiteracy of Kuwaiti women, the official said that statistics had indicated the percentage accounted to 59 per cent in 1975, 49 in 1980 and 37 in 1985. Illiteracy among men during the corresponding period was 30 per cent, 22 per cent and 15 per cent. This disparity is attributed to social conventions and customs, the official said.

However, he clarified, that due to the efforts of the government, this proportion has been drastically reduced in the present year, and will still be reduced in the years to come.

He expressed his dissatisfaction at the low turnover of Kuwaiti girls applying to join the scientific faculties.

Varsity a people factory: Sabah

THE assistant rector of Kuwait University for information and society service Dr. Rasha Al Sabah has said that the university has three main functions: teaching students, research made by teachers and society service. She added that the university plays an important role in serving society. It works to build and develop abilities of students to serve their society.

She added that the university is there to offer any scientific major for students and that since the Kuwaiti population is small the main investment is the Kuwaiti citizen.

The university is not lecture rooms only but it is also a factory for building men and women, Sabah said. She added that students at Kuwait University are considered spoiled as compared to other universities, but this does not mean that it is easy for them to get their degrees. This can be seen by the large number of students who are put on the warning list because the administration seeks to make university have the same academic standard of any international university.

She added that education is not restricted to young only since educational opportunities are provided to adults as well. Adult education is offered through training and cultural courses for workers in the private and public sectors, she said.

From the courts

7 years RI for illegal entry and attempted rape

KUWAIT'S Court sentenced two men to seven years imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation for breaking into a house and attempting to rape a housemaid.

The housemaid said that she was fast asleep when she was rudely awakened and found herself accosted by two men. One gagged her and the second attempted to rape her. In her desperation, she managed to let out a scream which alerted the employer's son who immediately telephoned the police.

Unfortunately, prior to the arrival of security forces, one of the accused managed to make his escape. However, the second accused who was apprehended led investigators to the first accused. Investigations confirmed that the two accused had indeed broken into the house and attempted to rape the maid.

Divorce granted

KUWAIT'S Court granted a petition of divorce filed by the wife alleging that her husband had refused to have any sexual relations with her for over three months. Further, the wife alleged that her husband had been having extra-marital relations for a considerable period of time.

The court after attempting to reconcile differences and taking all evidence into consideration, granted the wife's petition for a divorce.

6 months RI for thief

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a goldsmith to six months rigorous imprisonment to be followed by deportation on charges of stealing 15 kilos of gold.

The court was told that the owners of the jewellery shop had handed the accused 15 kilos and 85 grammes of pure gold to convert into ornaments. The accused said that he had given the gold to his Pakistani colleagues who had machines to convert the gold — but they decamped with the merchandise.

6.5 years for drug trader

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced an accused to six and a half years rigorous imprisonment on charges of trading and being addicted to hashish and heroin and also sentenced his accomplice to one to two years rigorous imprisonment for being an addict.

The court was told that security personnel at Sulabiya Area apprehended the two suspects red handed while trying to sell a quantity of hashish to an undercover agent.

A search of the residences of both accused produced a quantity of the banned substances along with paraphernalia used for imbibing various drugs in the house of the second accused.

First success for eye hospital

A MAN who was blind in one eye told today of his joy at being able to see again thanks to the Floks floating eye hospital berthed in the UAE.

Jordanian, Radwan Shawakfah was the first of more than five thousand people who are expected to be treated on board the Petr Pervy which is docked in Jebel Ali port near Dubai for the next six months.

"It's too wonderful for words. To be blind and then to be able to see again, imagine what I feel like now," said Shawakfah.

In January Shawakfah found he could not see properly with his left eye. By March it was completely blind. "It was awful not being able to see properly. I had to rely completely on my secretary and driver. It was so sudden, all at once I could not see," he said.

Shawakfah, a 46-year-old shipping manager from Irbid in Jordan, but who has lived in Dubai for 20 years, first went to Barcelona in Spain for help. But doctors there said if a new glass lens was inserted into the eye it would cause powerful headaches.

Shawakfah then went to Munich in West Germany where doctors supported the advanced Soviet methods of eye-microsurgery.

For a final opinion Shawakfah contacted top doctors in Los Angeles in America.

Shawakfah finally decided to



Floks first patient, Radwan Shawakfah, with his wife Houriah.

travel to Moscow for his vital operation.

But surprisingly he was told the operation would be coming to him because Dubai was to be the first operational port of call for the new Floks floating hospital.

"It could not have been more convenient. We have everything on the ship it's just like a five star hotel but better. The staff cannot do enough for me and my wife Houriah," he said.

Professor Fyodorov, the architect of the unique venture and renowned pioneer of eye micro-surgery, personally took charge of Shawakfah's operation.

During the delicate 30-minute operation cataracts were

removed and a tiny artificial glass lens implanted in Shawakfah's eye.

"The worst bit was the injection at the beginning, but I could feel them cut my eye. There was no pain and the doctor even held my hand so I could signal if I was going to sneeze," he said.

Doctors say the operation has been a complete success and Shawakfah has now been allowed home.

"I cannot take my bandage off completely yet but already I can see 50 per cent, it should be 80 per cent soon and it is getting better every day," he said.

"Thanks is not enough for what the doctors have done to make me see again. It is just marvellous."

Over 168,000 government employees in CSC computer

ASSISTANT Undersecretary for Scholarships and Computer Centre Affairs at the Civil Service Commission, Saud Al Talab has stated that the computer centre is currently studying the feasibility of implementing the employees records system at government establishments. The system aims at providing the government administration a

more comprehensive system of reports and statistics in the shortest time possible. Interviewed by a local daily, Talab indicated that the number of government employees included in services totalled 168,518.

Regarding the nature of work at the Civil Service Commission Computer Centre, Talab said that the centre was established in

April 27, 1977 and due to developments in the centre's activities a decision was issued on July 15, 1979 to re-organise specialities at the centre.

Such specialities include the implementation of the employees records system at government ministries and their independent authorities in addition to conducting necessary

modifications on employee records to match ministries requirements.

The Computer Centre also follows up the operation of the employees records system and present technical support to facilitate its implementation. Talab described the centre as the only central organisation which has the authority to modify, add,

delete, study, and design computer systems relating to civil employees records at all ministries.

Talab stated that the centre takes over the responsibility of technically supervising the employees records systems at government ministries which includes developing, maintenance, and implementation.

KMS silver jubilee November 6

THE Secretary General of Kuwait Medical Society and the Chairman of the Honouring Committee Dr. Bader Hamadah was quoted as saying that the society has finalised the preparations required for its silver jubilee celebrations scheduled to take place on Nov 6th.

In an interview with a local daily Hamadah said that the celebrations will coincide with the Eighth Medical Conference of the society.

He confirmed that the board of directors of the society is interested in honouring the pioneers of the

medical movement in the country. This spirit is embodied in Kuwait's concern for these pioneers who exerted every effort in the development of the medical movement in the country.

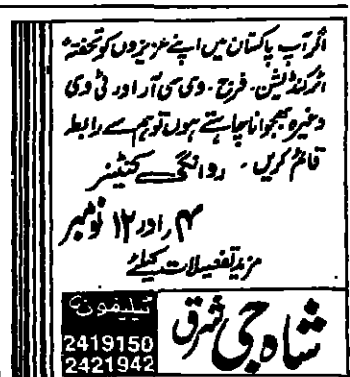
Former ministers of public health, the ex-chairman of the Kuwait Medical Society as well as old physicians will be included in the honours list, the official said.

Additionally, the society will honour the members of Kuwait Joint Committee for Relief which groups representatives from local welfare societies and the Islamic charitable organisations in Kuwait.

Saudi statement

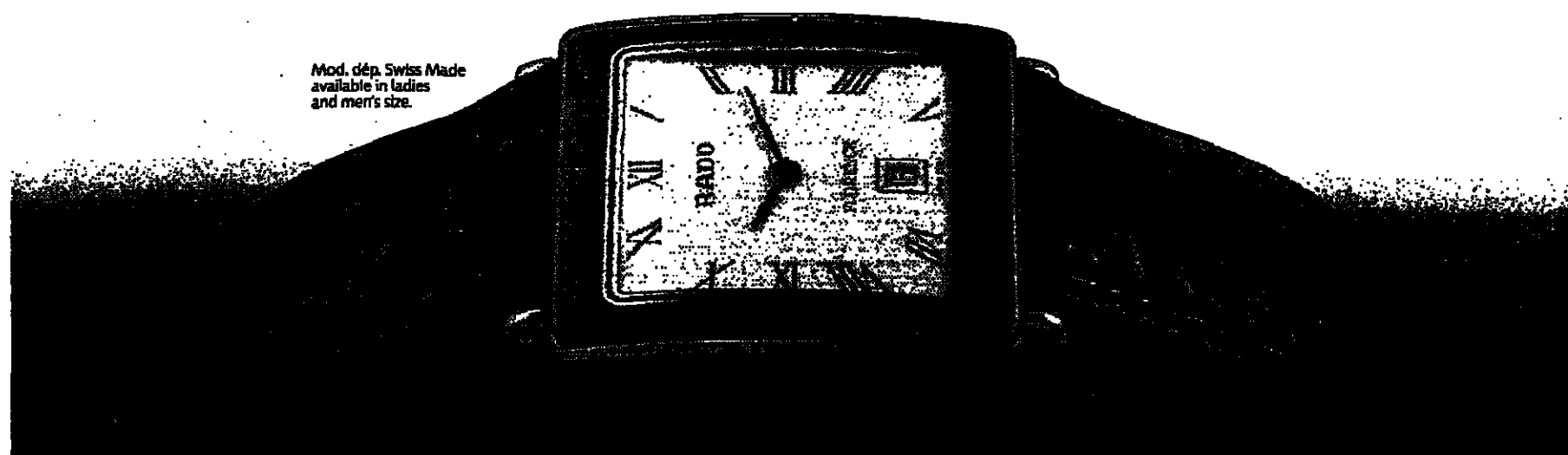
BAGHDAD, Oct. 27, (Kuna): The Saudi second deputy prime minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz has asserted the importance of the Saudi-Iraqi strong ties.

Prince Sultan, who is also the defence and aviation minister, in a statement to Iraqi television last night, expressed his gratitude to represent the Saudi monarch King Fahd in the celebrations of reconstruction of Fao city which was inaugurated earlier today by the Iraqi president.



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George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

Elections in India

Politics producing strange bedfellows

POLITICS is producing strange bedfellows in India, with rightwingers and Marxists agreeing to co-exist in an opposition alliance to topple Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in November's general elections.

"Our aim is to defeat Rajiv Gandhi and our methods are justified," said Satpal Malik, spokesman for the Janata Dal party that spearheaded the move to form the loose alliance.

Malik said its purpose was limited to fielding common candidates against Rajiv's Congress nominees for elections to the lower house of parliament on November 22 and 24.

The alliance comprises the Janata Dal and its four fellow members of the National Front coalition, along with the Communist Party of India, Marxist (CPIM) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The CPIM rules eastern India's West Bengal state and has pockets of influence in other regions, while the BJP appears to have strengthened its traditional support among rightwing Hindus in a surge of revivalism sweeping the country.

The CPIM urges tight economic controls while the BJP supports a Western-style system based on market forces. It is widely accused of wanting to scrap India's secular tradition in government and establish a Hindu state.

Senior Janata Dal sources said the party was also seeking a deal with the Muslim United Front (MUF) on seat sharing in the northern state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The opposition bid to seek an understanding with both the BJP and MUF came amid Hindu-Muslim clashes which have killed at least 54 people in the northern state of Bihar.

"I suppose our seat-sharing with both the BJP and the MUF proves our secular credentials," said one Janata Dal official.

There are 100 million Muslims in India's population of 800 million and they could be a decisive factor in the polls. Unlike the Muslims, the 650 million Hindus do not usually vote in a block.

Malik admitted that there would be ideological problems in forming a government if the opposition defeated Rajiv.

But he insisted there would be no repetition of 1977, when a similar opposition alliance defeated Congress, but fell apart in less than three years.

One problem the opposition faced in 1977 could surface again in 1989 — the clash of ambitious personalities.

Corruption fighter Vishwanath Pratap Singh, peasant leader Devi Lal and film star-turned-politician N.T. Rama Rao, all appear to be staking their claim for prime ministership.

Singh promoted an open economy as Rajiv's finance minister before he defected to the opposition after accusing the government of involvement in a massive corruption scandal.

Lal favours greater state controls while Rao's pre-occupation before the unexpected election announcement was his role as a Hindu god in a movie he is producing.

They have an uneasy relationship with Janata Dal general secretary Maneka Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi's sister-in-law.

Maneka Gandhi played a prominent role in the government of Indira Gandhi which jailed several opposition leaders during a 1975-77 emergency. (New Delhi — Reuters).

Western communists seek new directions

AS East European countries start to throw away the tenets of Marx and Lenin, Western communists are looking for new directions to maintain the left as a credible political force in the 1990s.

Some of them think they have found an answer in new global issues like protection of the environment which, they argue, cannot be left to private enterprise and need concerted state action.

The West's Marxist parties, already facing decline over the past decade, have recently had to watch several of their brother parties in power in the East move steadily in the direction of the liberal values they once despised.

Earlier this month, the ruling Hungarian Socialist Workers' (communist) Party renamed itself the Socialist Party and pledged to pursue Western-style multi-party democracy, civil liberties and a market-based economy.

The Polish party has resolved to follow suit at a congress expected in January. It has already handed over government power to the Solidarity movement.

In the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and East Germany, the communists have concluded, with greater or lesser reluctance, that economic reforms and more open public discussion can no longer be avoided.

The major Western communist parties, especially the so-called Eurocommunists of Italy, Spain and France, had all decided by the 1970s that they had to abide by the rules of Western democracy. Even then, they dropped hallowed concepts like the "dictatorship of the proletariat".

Now many of them say the East European model of socialism is discredited and must be replaced with something else.

"The crisis in the communist bloc marks the end of that system as we have known it," Martin Jacques, editor of the British magazine Marxism Today, wrote recently. "The era of the central plan, the monolithic state, the single party and a subjugated civil society is over."

Italy's Christian Democratic Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti told the West German daily Die Welt that the Italian Communist Party, the West's largest, "is going through a deep ideological crisis, since all its points of reference have fallen away."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1492 — Christopher Columbus discovers Cuba on his first voyage to new world.

1690 — Savoy formally joins Grand Alliance against France.

1708 — Sweden's King Charles XII takes Mohilev, Russia, and invades Ukraine.

1836 — Federation of Peru and Bolivia is proclaimed.

1867 — French troops land at Civita Vecchia, Italy.

1886 — Statue of Liberty is dedicated in New York City harbour.

1890 — German East Africa Company cedes its territorial rights to Germany.

1922 — Benito Mussolini marches on Rome.

1962 — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev announces he has ordered withdrawal of Soviet missiles from Cuba.

1971 — House of Commons votes in favour of England's entry into European Common Market.

1974 — Arab heads of state, including Jordan's King Hussein, issue declaration calling for creation of independent Palestinian state.

1975 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat meets with US President Gerald Ford and urges him to end US diplomatic boycott of Palestine Liberation Organization.

1977 — UN General Assembly censures Israel for establishing settlements in occupied Arab territories, calling action illegal and damaging to peace efforts.

1987 — Indian troops push Tamil rebels out of strategic junction town near Jaffna in Sri Lanka.

1988 — Riot police in Prague disperse crowd of about 5,000 who defy ban on rally to mark anniversary of Czechoslovakia's independence in 1918.

Thatcher still does it her way

BRITAIN'S Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher did it her way at the Commonwealth summit in Kuala Lumpur this week and the result was a rumpus.

"If it's one against 48, then I'm very sorry for the 48," was Thatcher's characteristic retort to the fury provoked by her disruption of a Commonwealth consensus on South African sanctions which Britain had helped to draft.

Clearly Thatcher is not weary of the fray after 10 years in power at the head of a government which she rules with almost presidential authority.

But reaction at home, even among many who agree with her view on sanctions, reflected irritation at Britain's total isolation yet again on an international diplomatic issue.

The combative style of leadership which Thatcher, 64, makes her trademark is increasingly unpopular in a country which values consensus and compromise.

Opinion polls say that if a general election were held tomorrow, opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock would form the next government with a majority of 50 seats.

Dissatisfaction with Thatcher has grown with the unravelling of her economic successes and was given particular focus last May when she celebrated a decade as prime minister.

Her record went under the public microscope and was credited with having made Britain a more prosperous society but greedier and more divided than the one it replaced.

Since then Thatcher has suffered a series of setbacks which suggest that if she has not lost her political touch, she has at least been deserted by her political luck.

She was blamed for her Conservative Party's defeat in the European Economic Community parliamentary elections in June and for a row at the EEC summit in Madrid where Britain was again odd-man-out.

Crowds heckled her in the streets of Paris in July when she belittled the achievements of the French Revolution.

The same month, a reshuffle of her cabinet intended to install the team which will fight the next election turned into a public relations disaster when Sir Geoffrey Howe disclosed he had been virtually sacked as foreign secretary.

Thatcher's long-standing disagreement with Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson about monetary policy has helped to sustain the vulnerability of sterling throughout the summer and she is often accused of arrogance towards senior colleagues.

Lawson shocked Parliament and the country Thursday by resigning from the cabinet in the face of an increasingly public dispute with Thatcher's per-



Margaret Thatcher: authority

sonal economic advisor, Sir Alan Walters.

The possibility that more damaging fallout will ensue from the acrimony in Kuala Lumpur is worrying Conservative supporters and especially legislators with small majorities.

Back in the constituencies, they are getting the message that ordinary voters think that the prime minister goes too far.

Newspaper commentator Peter Jenkins, remarking on Thatcher's "knack of waging war on all fronts," said: "Rowing with the Commonwealth

may do her no harm on the substance of the matter but her behaviour in general is becoming a more open issue."

No prime minister since Churchill has so dominated a British government and many doubt whether any of her male colleagues, less single-minded and more wedded to consensus, could have brought about the political transformation that Britain has undergone. Thatcher's refusal to compromise marks her distinctive political style. (London — Reuters).

Nigel Lawson: under constant fire

NIGEL LAWSON, who resigned as Britain's chancellor of the Exchequer on Thursday, has been under constant fire since taking the unpopular step of using high interest rates to fight inflation.

A public clash over the role of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's economic advisor, Sir Alan Walters, was the last salvo in a bitter battle for control of the country's economic policy.

Lawson, 57, was Britain's longest-serving chancellor in more than 70 years and widely credited with orchestrating Thatcher's third successive general election victory in June 1987.

But his use of interest rates, now at an eight-year high of 15 per cent, to curb demand and reduce inflation, helped the opposition Labour Party pass Thatcher's Conservatives in recent popularity polls.

Although he clashed publicly with Thatcher

over exchange rate policy early in 1988, he won her public backing as the country's main economic manager and was confirmed in office when she reshuffled her cabinet this past July.

She reaffirmed her support for the burly chancellor's policies in parliament just before he announced his resignation.

"With regard to interest rates, they will stay as high as is necessary for as long as is necessary to get inflation down," Thatcher told the House of Commons on Thursday.

Lawson, chancellor since 1983, was a champion of wider share ownership, lower personal taxes and free market economics that implanted the roots of Thatcherism into the fabric of 1980s Britain.

But he drew fire from critics within the Conservative Party as inflation, interest rates and the trade gap began to increase sharply through

1988.

He made it clear that he did not intend to stay on as chancellor until the next general election, which must be called before 1992.

"There is obviously a limit to how long it would be sensible for me to remain in this job," he said in a recent interview with the Sunday Telegraph.

But while he has a sharp intellect, Lawson lacked the common political touch. Haughty and aloof, he did not suffer fools gladly, confessing on another occasion: "I am a rather solitary person, a loner."

Born in London on March 11, 1932, the son of a well-to-do Jewish tea merchant, Nigel Thomas Lawson was educated privately at Westminster School in London before studying politics, philosophy and economics at Oxford University. (London-Reuters)

Douglas Hurd: one of the finest minds

DOUGLAS HURD, Britain's new foreign secretary, abandoned a diplomatic career for politics and served Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as Northern Ireland secretary and home secretary.

Recognised as having one of the finest minds in the Conservative Party, Hurd's bland and easy manner conceals a steely determination, and an unwillingness to suffer fools gladly.

As one newspaper biography put it: "He can put the lash of a whip into his voice, and surprise anybody who had imagined he had been talking to the perfect English diplomat who had somehow strayed into politics."

Hurd becomes Britain's third foreign secretary in four months. In July, Thatcher moved Sir Geoffrey Howe from head of the Foreign Office to the parliamentary post of deputy prime minister in a sweeping cabinet

reshuffle.

Howe's successor, 46-year-old John Major, was named on Thursday to replace Nigel Lawson as chancellor of the exchequer, who resigned suddenly and triggered a new political upheaval.

Hurd was born on March 8, 1930, the son and grandson of Members of Parliament, and educated at Britain's most exclusive private school Eton and at Cambridge University.

There he gained a first class honours degree and became president of the Cambridge Union, the debating society that has spawned many of Britain's political elite.

Entering the diplomatic service, he served in Beijing, at the United Nations in New York and in Rome during a 14-year stint which ended when he joined the Conservative Research Department in 1966.

Hurd had to wait eight years before he found a seat in Parliament, and a further 10 years until he was called to Thatcher's cabinet.

In 1984 he was put in charge of Northern Ireland, where the guerrilla Irish Republican Army is fighting British rule, and he helped launch the Anglo-Irish agreement which gave the Irish republic a voice in administering the province.

A year later, Hurd was appointed secretary of the Home Office (interior ministry), one of the most prestigious as well as politically sensitive posts in the government.

Before achieving high office, Hurd carved a second, part-time career as a political thriller writer, penning seven novels in partnership or single-handedly which were moderately successful with both the public and the critics. (London — Reuters)

John Major: star of Thatcher cabinet

JOHN Major, appointed Britain's new Chancellor of the Exchequer after Thursday's shock resignation of Nigel Lawson, has made a meteoric rise this year to the top ranks of British government.

A former builder's labourer, Major was the surprise choice for the post of the foreign secretary when Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher reshuffled her cabinet in July.

Some colleagues saw his promotion from the treasury, where he was Lawson's deputy, as a virtual appointment to succeed Thatcher.

At this week's Commonwealth summit in Kuala Lumpur, Thatcher reaffirmed her faith in Major after newspaper reports of a rift over her opposition to new sanctions against South Africa. "He was a superb negotiator," she said.

Major, a fresh-faced, silver-haired man, per-

sonifies the prime minister's creed of personal enterprise and achievement.

He was born into a working class family with none of the private school privilege enjoyed by many leading politicians.

Born on March 29, 1943, in south London, the son of a circus trapeze artist, he left school at 16 and started his working life as a labourer.

After losing his job he settled to study and a career in banking that led him on to politics.

He was elected to parliament in 1979 in the general election that first swept Thatcher to power.

Under her supervision, he has risen swiftly through the ranks. In 1986, he gained his first significant post, appointed junior social security minister.

His breakthrough came in 1987 when he was

made chief secretary to the treasury and deputy to Lawson.

Major held the post at a time of financial stringency when his main duty was to curb the spending appetite of departmental ministers who outranked him in the cabinet.

Thatcher was impressed by Major's ability to hold the line without making enemies. He has a mild but firm manner and is said to be calm under pressure.

In the treasury he was devoted to strict monetary policy.

Major told an interviewer this year: "Public expenditures must be restricted. People must understand that if they have jam today, they may not be able to afford butter tomorrow."

Major married in 1970 and has a son and a daughter. His recreations are opera and cricket.

Alan Walters: Thatcher's economic guru

SIR ALAN WALTERS, who provoked Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson to resign on Thursday, never sat in Parliament but held sway over Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as an alternative arbiter of economic policy.

Born into a working class family in a Midlands town, Walters was recalled to Downing Street as Thatcher's part-time economic adviser last May, immediately sparking speculation that the prime minister wanted to second-guess her chancellor.

A series of indiscretions by Walters soon ran foul of the unwritten law of the elite band of British government advisers which demands absolute discretion and thrust the monetarist economist into the centre of debate over

exchange rate policy.

Just days after the senior ranks of the Conservative Party rallied around the beleaguered Lawson at their annual conference and pledged support for another unpopular interest rate rise, Walters' long-running feud with the chancellor exploded again.

The war over economic policy was played out not in private but in the British press, reaching fever pitch this week as editorials called on Thatcher to end the crisis and sack Walters.

In the end, both men went.

Lawson, Britain's longest-serving chancellor of the exchequer for more than 70 years, told Thatcher he could not remain in office as long

as he kept Walters as her personal economic adviser.

In his resignation letter, Lawson said: "The successful conduct of economic policy is possible only if there is — and is seen to be — full agreement between the prime minister and the chancellor of the exchequer."

Shortly afterwards, Walters, currently on a lecture tour in Florida, also resigned.

The Labour opposition had revelled in the crisis this week, dubbing Walters "the alternative chancellor." Conservative backbenchers, concerned at a government split, called him a "Rasputin."

(London — Reuters)

Letters to the editor

Islamic brotherhood

SIR: I feel Mr. Mustafa in his recent letter (AT, Oct 17) has overwhelmingly praised Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. I don't see Benazir has shown the true spirit of Islamic brotherhood during her visit to Bangladesh. There are thousands of Mohajirs (Biharis) stranded in Bangladesh and they are Pakistani by citizenship. These stranded Pakistanis have been waiting for 18 years for repatriation to their country. Benazir during her visit to Bangladesh did not even want to meet the leaders of these people. Is Benazir ready to take back all these people without any delay if she has all the spirit of Islamic brotherhood?

Pakistan is supposed to return to Bangladesh billion of dollars worth of assets. Has Benazir agreed to return to us all these legal assets? We praise Benazir for her visit to our country and respect her for the respect she showed to our martyrs. But it is ridiculous enough in seeking to sense a spirit of religious brotherhood in the act of laying floral wreath at the monument of our martyrs. Benazir's father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto after a genocide of 3 million Bengalis visited Bangladesh and laid floral wreath at our martyr's monument. Shall we say Bhutto did it out of spirit of Islamic brotherhood? Our freedom was achieved due to sacrifice of our people from all caste and religion. Benazir has just shown respect to these martyrs for their sacrifice not out of religious feeling but out of love and friendship to a nation. Our martyrs' sacrifice is above all the religious and communal feelings.

Lastly I don't know what Mr. Mustafa meant by saying that the situation in 1971 was provoked by Yahya Khan and Mujibur Rahman. Did he mean the situation of our war of independence in 1971 was just a provocation of Mujib & others? I hope he did not mean this. Because independence is never achieved by provocation of anybody until people support it and fight for it all together. There were real historical reasons that provoked our people and our leaders to go for a war of independence. And Mujib was the one whose leadership at that period led us to achieve our freedom. We owe to Mujib for our independence, for the identity that the Bengalis are a nation who have a history of struggle, bravery and sacrifice. I don't know what relation Mr. Mustafa found in India involvement in the conflict of Bangladesh and Pakistan and Britain's involvement into the conflict of Arabs and Ottoman Turkey. Britain entered into the conflict and managed to colonize the area but India played a very different role. India was the only neighbour who gave us all the moral and material help in our struggle and did not keep her soldiers a single day more on our soil when Mujib asked them to withdraw. What ever was the interest of India in our conflict, we cannot be ungrateful to her in recognising her help at the time of our hard days. This recognition keeping our dignity high will obviously strengthen the relation with our neighbour and help solve many problems and will prove the greatness of our nation. We should endeavour our efforts for good relation with every country irrespective of religious and ideological status.

Harmu,

Sifat.

Idiotic comparison

SIR: Only a man with idiotic thinking can compare Jesus Christ to a man, especially of the kind of Marcos.

Jesus Christ suffered because of the hypocrisy and the injustices of the people — the Jews in particular. In contrast, Marcos suffered because of his own doings; his misdeeds in undefinable terms.

Jesus Christ suffered for the salvation of mankind while Marcos suffered, partly because of the many people salvaged during his incumbency.

What a contrast!

Isap, Sifat.

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Quote me

"When we came out here he had difficulty breathing. "He thought it was bronchitis. He tried to train, but when you're a heavyweight champion of the world and you have the best sparring partners in the world, and they're 230 pounds (104 kg) and throwing punches, that's not the place to lose your breath." — Jay Bright, Tyson's trainer on the champ's condition upon a bronchitis scare.

"The law applies to everyone, whether they are rich or poor and whether they are famous or not. In the absence of extremely mitigating circumstances... if you slap a cop, you go to jail." — Municipal judge Charles Rubin admonishing Zsa Zsa Gabor before sentencing her to 72-hours jail.

"I told a safety man I saw nothing but gas. Then it exploded. I ran. There were a lot of people running and screaming to get out. It's like nothing I've felt in my life. I'm real lucky. Thank god for that." — Kelly Manerly, a pipefitter at Phillips Petroleum Co., plastics plant on the explosion there which injured more than 80 people.

"Last week, following a decision of the Hungarian Parliament, the old name of the country was restored. The Stalinist People's Republic of Hungary disappeared. And our country is still called the Polish People's Republic. Time is running out. Let's not remain far behind the Hungarians." Former Polish MP Ryszard Bender urging Solidarity deputies not to be left behind by reforms taking place in Hungary.

"The doctor came out a couple of days ago. It's no big deal — once it's gone, it's gone. The doctor said the virus should be eliminated in three weeks. Then Michael will need a certain amount of time to prepare to fight." — Tyson's trainer Jay Bright saying he will be OK in three weeks' time.

"I'd like more opportunities to do comedies that I'm comfortable with, but you've got to find the scripts and the do in a minute, but putting them together with the right screenplay, director and cast is not an easy thing." Actor Willard Scott on his love for comedy.

"As an actor I don't want to zero in on comedy alone. I have to take roles that push me in other directions. How else am I going to learn? It's best if I can find a balance of comedies and dramas in my career right now." Willard Scott on diversifying of his roles in acting.

CIA ready to divulge SA-Israel N-link

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (Reuters): The Central Intelligence Agency is prepared to provide US legislators with irrefutable evidence that Israel was helping South Africa build a long-range nuclear missile, US television reported yesterday. Israel flatly denied the report.

NBC news, citing senior US officials and intelligence sources, said Israel had ignored "discreet protest" from Washington and appeared to be expanding the relationship.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Defence Ministry said that there was no truth in an initial NBC report, aired on Wednesday night, that Israel was helping Pretoria build the

missile in exchange for enriched uranium for Israel's own warheads.

In a follow-up report, the network said that in addition to the reported nuclear co-operation Israel had transferred much of the technology of its cancelled Lavi fighter-bomber to South Africa.

Israel scrapped the Lavi in 1987 under pressure from the United States, which provided most of the \$1.5 billion spent to develop it. The largest industrial project ever undertaken in Israel, the warplane had been beset with delays and cost overruns.

In its report yesterday, NBC quoted intelligence sources as saying the CIA was

ready "to lay out the evidence of a Jerusalem-Pretoria missile pact to the appropriate committees of Congress."

The sources said the evidence is irrefutable, NBC said.

At issue could be billions of dollars in US foreign aid to Israel because Congress may cut off aid to nations violating a long-standing international arms embargo against South Africa.

Neither Israel nor South Africa are signatories of the treaty aimed at halting the spread of nuclear weapons.

The State Department said late yesterday that it had no indication that any US

missile technology had been transferred from Israel to South Africa.

Under the rules governing US exports of missiles and other advanced weapons, a recipient nation is banned from retransferring that technology without the prior approval of the US government.

The State Department said US policy opposing the spread of nuclear weapons "applies to Israel as much as to anyone else."

"The government of Israel is well aware of our position," the department said in a delayed written reply to a question left over from the routine noon news briefing.



Iranian radical free and roaming

NICOSIA, Oct. 27, (AP): Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, Iran's former interior minister and patron of Shiite Muslim extremists holding Western hostages, headed home after three weeks of talks with pro-Iranian militants in Lebanon, Iranian sources said.

One source, speaking in Damascus on condition of anonymity, said Mohtashemi stopped over in the Syrian capital overnight and boarded a regular Iran Air flight home after midnight (2200 GMT).

It was not clear why Mohtashemi was in Lebanon or whether his visit was linked to the hostage issue.

But his appearance in Lebanon scotched reports that he had been placed under house arrest in Tehran in a power struggle with so-called pragmatists led by Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani, his main political rival.

The conservative Beirut daily newspaper Ad Diyar quoted sources as saying Mohtashemi travelled to Beirut through Damascus three weeks ago after a "major row" with Rafsanjani.

It said he has decided to set up headquarters in east Lebanon, but did not say for what purpose. The independent Beirut newspaper An Nahar said only that Mohtashemi ended a visit to Lebanon late Wednesday and headed to Syria.

The source in Damascus said Mohtashemi did not meet any officials during either stopover in Syria.

But he and the other sources said that in Beirut Mohtashemi met several officials of Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed group believed to be an umbrella for the kidnappers holding most of the 18 Westerners missing in Lebanon.

American hostage Terry Anderson's relatives and friends marked his fifth birthday in captivity today with a flood of messages to reassure him that he has not been forgotten.

Officer arrested

CAIRO, Oct. 27, (Reuters): An Egyptian police captain has been arrested for dealing in drugs from his Cairo apartment, police said today. They said two kg (4.5 pounds) of hashish and 100 pills were found.

Farouq in Bangkok

BANGKOK, Oct. 27, (AP): The PLO foreign minister Farouq Kaddoumi met Thai officials yesterday to discuss Thai recognition of a Palestinian state.

"I am optimistic. We expect to have diplomatic relations with Thailand. My presence here is a factual recognition," Kaddoumi told reporters on his arrival at Bangkok airport.

Arab-American Day

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (Kuna): History was made for Arab-Americans here yesterday when in an unprecedented move, both the US House of Representatives and the Senate adopted a resolution declaring Oct. 25 of every year to be "national Arab-American Day" in the whole US.

Bogus posters

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 27, (AP): Bogus "wanted" posters offering a \$10,000 reward for the arrest and deportation of Palestinian leader Fatah Hussein have been put on billboards around Jerusalem and were distributed on Wednesday to news offices.

Show goodwill

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 27, (Reuters): A United Nations committee, in what its chairman called an historic consensus, appealed to Moscow and the Palestine Front on Wednesday to display the co-operation and political goodwill needed to resolve the problem of western Sahara.

Arabs charged

PIRAEUS, Greece, Oct. 27, (AP): A manslaughter court in this port city near Athens on Wednesday charged two Arabs in connection with the deadly attack on a Greek cruise ship in July 1988, a court spokesman said.

Deserter jailed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Military police battered down the apartment door of former Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's grand-daughter and arrested her husband as an alleged army deserter, a military spokesman said on Wednesday.

No ties with Israel

BELGRADE, Oct. 27, (Kuna): The Palestinian ambassador here Ali Tayeb Abdel Rahim said Yugoslavia will not resume its diplomatic relations with Israel as long as Tel Aviv sticks to its aggressive policy and denies the national rights of the Palestinian people.

Peace shuttle

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 27, (Reuters): The UN's special Gulf envoy begins a diplomatic mission between Iraq and Iran next week to try to revive negotiations that have failed to progress beyond a 14-month-old ceasefire, a senior United Nations source said.

Book fair

TEHRAN, Oct. 27, (Kuna): Iran is boycotting the Belgrade International Book Fair in a protest over the display of a controversial book humiliating Muslims.

Quake jolts Tehran

NICOSIA, October 27, (Reuters): Frightened people fled from their homes overnight after an earthquake jolted Iran's capital Tehran, the Iranian news agency Iran reported today.

Mediation offered

ADDIS ABABA, Oct. 27, (Reuters): South Africa's Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu offered today to mediate to end civil wars in Sudan and Ethiopia.

"I hope to make my services available to try to be of assistance to end the conflicts in Sudan and Ethiopia," he told reporters on arrival in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa from Sudan.

Rebels isolated

PARIS, Oct. 27, (UPI): Chadian troops have surrendered and isolated a group of rebels led by Chad's former armed forces chief after fighting in neighbouring Sudan that left up to 90 soldiers dead, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

Baker declines to alter 5-point plan

Uprising toll tops 700

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (AP): Secretary of State James Baker has told Israel that his proposal for Mideast talks was reasonable and did not require an overhaul that could delay a Palestinian election on the West Bank and in Gaza.

But Baker did not entirely turn down Foreign Minister Moshe Arens' request for what the Israeli government called "technical changes" designed to exclude the Palestine Liberation Organisation and restrict the agenda to arrangements for the election.

At a White House news conference, Baker said "we want to do everything we can to try and move things forward, and therefore we will review the suggested changes that we have received."

Arens, in a letter to Baker on Monday night, accepted the US five-point proposal in principle — but with reservations about the way it dealt with the PLO and agenda issues.

Baker had proposed making sure Israel was "satisfied" with the Palestinian delegation and said he was not trying to pressure Israel into talking to the PLO.

However, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who is consult-

ing with Yasser Arafat's organization at US behest, has proposed two Palestinians deported by Israel and a violent uprising in the territories be in the delegation.

"We think the five points are reasonable. We think they are clear," Baker said of his proposal for an Israeli-Palestinian meeting.

He added: "If we start making changes for one side we will find ourselves in an extended negotiating session in terms of making changes that might be requested" by other parties to the dispute.

"It would be much better," Baker said, "if both sides would accept the five points as a general framework for moving forward and then let's get about the hard, nitty-gritty business of sitting down face-to-face and deciding what the rules are that would govern the conduct of elections."

Baker described his mood as realistic — neither optimistic nor pessimistic — after reading Arens' letter and talking to him Tuesday on the telephone.

On a related subject, Baker refused to be pinned down on a published report that President George Bush may not receive Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir when he visits Washington next month.

Shamir said today reports of Israeli-South African nuclear co-operation were designed to "tear the fabric" of Israeli's relations with the United States.

Israeli security forces shot dead two Palestinians in the occupied areas yesterday and Arab militants killed a suspected collaborator taking the unofficial Arab death toll in the uprising to 701.

In the latest inter-Arab violence, masked Palestinians burst into Nasser hospital in Khan Younis in the occupied Gaza Strip and stabbed and hacked to death a 25-year-old nurse.

Palestinians named the nurse as Sawwan Abu Al Hussein and said she was suspected of being a collaborator.

Earlier in Gaza's Jabalya teeming refugee camp, troops killed Aboel Salem, 19, in a clash with masked activists, military sources said.

In the occupied West Bank, Israeli sources said police shot dead a Palestinian after he deliberately drove his car at the policeman manning a roadblock near the village of Al Khader. The policeman was slightly injured.

Rome-Tripoli ties tense over killing

ROME, Oct. 27, (Reuters): An Italian worker shot dead during a wave of anti-Italian feeling in Tripoli was also set on fire, Italy's ambassador to Libya said today.

Giorgio Reitano told Italian television that Roberto Cocato, a 35-year-old poultry farming technician, had been found engulfed in flames by colleagues on Wednesday evening. He had been shot in the left temple and in the stomach.

Libyan media have carried calls for revenge attacks on Italian soldiers. Rome agrees to pay reparations for colonial rule between 1911 and 1943.

But Libya has sought to play down the killing, which it linked to robbery.

"Cocato's colleagues found his body in flames and put out the fire before calling the police," Reitano told Italian television by telephone from Tripoli.

He said he had no secure evidence that the killing was motivated by anti-Italian sentiment. But he noted that Cocato was killed during "a climate of tension."

Italy summoned Libyan Ambassador Ahmed Abdel Salam yesterday, a day of national mourning in Libya for colonial rule, to express deep concern over the killing and demand a swift investigation.

Italian Foreign Ministry sources said Rome intended to send an official delegation, including a pathologist, to examine Cocato's body. The group was expected to leave for Libya tomorrow.

Italian Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis said the killing was "a very painful fact, very grave and very dangerous in itself."

The Italian cabinet today discussed the escalating tension in Italian-Libyan relations following the killing.

Meanwhile, more than 100 Libyans who arrived in Naples on Wednesday to secure colonial rule were expected to return to Libya, port officials said.

Afghan rebels reject UN call

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Afghan rebels fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul yesterday rejected a draft UN resolution that calls for talks to establish a broadly-based government.

Farouk Azam, leading a delegation from the Pakistan-based Islamic interim-government of Afghanistan, told reporters that the resolution was not acceptable in its current form.

"There are phrases in it of inter-Afghan dialogue," he said, adding that the United Nations call for power sharing or talks between the Kabul government and his Western-backed group was "a big mistake."

The draft, backed by both Pakistan and the Soviet Union, has been held in a General Assembly committee because of financial concerns about an additional \$5.8 million needed to continue a UN observer mission in the region.

Azam repeated charges that the Soviet Union was "fully backing their installed regime in Kabul with arms and advisors," despite last February's Soviet troop withdrawal.

Referring to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze's dramatic admission this week that the Soviet intervention

of Afghanistan was wrong, Azam told a news conference: "If the invasion was illegal and immoral, supporting them (the Afghanistan government) with arms and advisors is illegal and immoral also."

He said his delegation would go to Washington to talk to "our friends," an apparent reference to supporters in Congress who want to increase arms supplies to the rebels to counter Moscow's heavy aid to President Najibullah's government.

US Assistant-Secretary of State John Kelly told a congressional committee on Wednesday the rebels had been encouraged to broaden their base. An example, he said, was a recent move towards co-operation between the alliance of seven Sunni Muslim parties based in Pakistan and another alliance of eight Shiite Muslim parties.

Kabul's mayor yesterday condemned the nine-year Soviet occupation of Afghanistan as unnecessary in what diplomats said was the first direct criticism of Moscow's intervention by an official of the Soviet-backed government.

"I tell you clearly and plainly that (the sending of Soviet troops) was unnecessary," Abdul Karim Misaq said.

Syria to get new Soviet jets

KUWAIT, Oct. 27, (UPI): A Kuwaiti newspaper reported yesterday that the Soviet Union will deliver sophisticated fighter bombers to Syria over the next few weeks, to enable the Arab state to upgrade its air force.

The report came after a Syrian pilot defected to Israel earlier this month in his Soviet-made MiG fighter jet, but the daily made no connection between the two events.

The Kuwaiti daily, quoting an unidentified "senior Soviet source," said Syria would soon receive 22 Shukov fighters, but gave no specific timetable or cost.

The newspaper described the planes as "strategic, long-range fighter bombers," supplied with two jet engines.

It said the Shukov-24-type planes could carry three tons of bombs and rockets over the distance of a hypothetical bomb run from Libya to Israel without need to refuel in mid-air, and eight tons of bombs from Syria to Israel.

It said the Shukov planes could fly at very low altitudes during the night, and were also supplied with sophisticated radar and electronic equipment.

Khaddafi still in it, says US

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (Reuters): US officials said on Wednesday there could be no question of improving ties with Libya as long as its leader Muammar Khaddafi continued to fund, arm and train numerous terrorist groups.

Khaddafi said in an interview published on Wednesday that he was willing to open talks with Washington to end years of hostility.

But State Department officials were quick to dismiss the idea.

"The notorious terrorist Abu Nidal is still headquartered in Tripoli," one official said.

In a report last January, the US Defence Department described Palestinian Abu Nidal as head of "the most dangerous terrorist organisation in existence."

The official said Libya was supplying money, weapons, safe haven and training facilities to groups such as the Japanese Red Army, the Irish Republican Army, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command and others.

In addition, it was trying to make chemical weapons.

Iran holds manoeuvres

TEHRAN, Oct. 27, (Kuna): Iran's marine forces yesterday carried out the second stage of military exercises in the Gulf waters.

Radio Tehran said helicopters and mine sweepers took part in the manoeuvres but did not specify where exactly the exercises had taken place.

On Wednesday the official Iranian news agency said the naval forces began exercises with live ammunition in the regional waters near Bousher governorate in the north of the Gulf.

Israel using unnecessary force to quell demonstrations

ZURICH, Oct. 27, (Kuna): Reports in the western media about the intifada are understated and not exaggerated, a widely circulated European daily observed here yesterday.

The Zurich edition of the International Herald Tribune (IHT), under a story headlined "The reports of brutality don't exaggerate," said the Israeli army has been using "unnecessary" force to quell the mass demonstrations since the Palestinian uprising.

Written by Hal Wyner — a correspondent based in Tel Aviv for a West German and a Swiss newspaper — the article notes that "not

a day goes by in Gaza or the West Bank without new cases of wanton brutality."

Wyner said most Jewish journalists, including himself, are "censured for anti-Semitism," while non-Jews are labelled as self-hatred, when they provide objective description of the situation.

The journalist added that when he reports he is criticised for "providing the anti-semites with ammunition."

Talking of the Israeli practices, he writes, "there are enough who are violating, with nearly complete impunity, all accepted norms of civilised military behaviour and are creating an appalling human rights situation in the territories."

"On a regular basis, people are being shot in cold blood, randomly killed and maimed, detained without trial and beaten and humiliated by soldiers acting on order," the article noted.

Wyner said his first-hand experience of the atrocities began in February 1988 when he visited the family of a 17-year-old boy who had been clubbed to death by soldiers. "Since that time I have seen a great deal more," he says.

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Aviation checks

Inspectors not qualified to fly

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. (AP) Most federal inspectors who check airline pilots aren't qualified to fly and many who monitor airframe safety are undertrained, a congressional study has found.

Airlines may be fined or denied certificates to fly if their pilots fail to update their training, but the Federal Aviation Administration often waives the training requirements for its own inspectors, the General Accounting Office report said.

The study released by the congressional investigative agency said only 291 of 786 FAA inspectors, or 37 per cent, who made pilot flight checks in the last half of 1988 had up-to-date flying credentials.

Federal rules require that both pilots and flight inspectors undergo semi-annual flight training to operate airplanes.

The report, requested by the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation's aviation subcommittee, said FAA airworthiness inspectors took only about half the training classes for which they were scheduled in fiscal 1988.



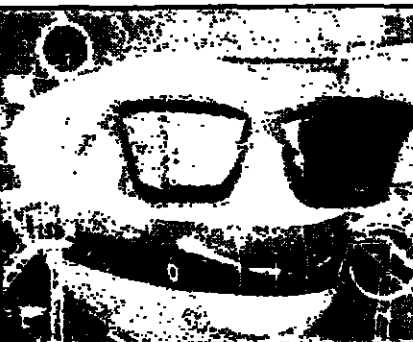
Booker winner

Japanese writer Kazuo Ishiguro won the 1989 Booker Prize, Britain's top literary award, for his novel "The Remains of the Day," judges have announced.

The prize awarded on Thursday is worth \$32,000.

Other finalists this year were Canadian Margaret Atwood for "Cat's Eye," Irish author John Banville for "Book of Evidence," Scotland's James Kelman for "A Disaffection" and English writers Sybil Bedford for "Jigsaw" and Rose Tremain for "Restoration."

"Now that circumstances have changed, when perhaps it is inconvenient for many people to support his writing, I just felt it was fitting that we should not turn our backs on him," Ishiguro said. Picture shows Kazuo Ishiguro holds a copy of his book at London's Guildhall. (Reuter wirephoto)



Good viewing

On Nov 1 Swiss Air will start its flight to Los Angeles as the sixth Swiss Air destination in the United States the company decided to celebrate this event by constructing a pair of glasses for this first flight over to L.A. A DC-10 machine will fly three times a week to this popular city. For spring 1990 five weekly flights are scheduled. (Reuter wirephoto)

Inmates surrender

US police storm jail

CAMP HILL, Pennsylvania, Oct. 27. (AP) Police stormed an overcrowded state prison this morning and regained control from inmates who had seized hostages and set buildings on fire in a two-night riot that left 100 people injured.

Officers fired shots and tear gas in a kitchen building, wounding one inmate in the assault that led to retaking of control less than two hours later, said Ken Robinson, state corrections department spokesman. All four hostages were freed, he said.

Prisoners then began "coming out and surrendering" by lying face down on the ground, Robinson said. In another courtyard, police in riot gear and wielding shotguns pushed surrendering or captured prisoners to the ground, holding them face-down in the grass.

The riots apparently were touched off by overcrowding and changes in prison policy that angered the inmates, officials said.

Rioters among about 1,900 inmates who remained loose in their cellblocks this morning were taken to a holding area at the rear of the prison grounds, Robinson said.

There was confusion about the number of rioters, injuries and hostages in the rampages that started on Wednesday night. Robinson and other officials said through last night there were eight hostages. At the end, Robinson said there were four and all were safe.

At least 100 people were injured, including 53 last night and this morning, Robinson said. He said there were no deaths and "all employees are accounted for."

America

Sailor convicted of espionage: For the second time in five weeks, a sailor stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway has been convicted of espionage, the navy has disclosed.

Navy spokesman Lt. James Wood on Wednesday identified the second sailor, who was sentenced to 10 years' confinement at hard labor, as electronics warfare technician, petty officer third class Russell P. Brown.

Brown, 21, was convicted "for conspiring with airman recruit James R. Wilmoth to commit espionage and for making false statements" to the naval investigative service, Wood said.

Wilmoth, 21, was sentenced last month to 35 years for trying to pass classified material to a Soviet agent.

The sailors were arrested on July 25 in Yokosuka, Japan, where the Midway is based. (AP)

Soviets rejected American: An American now facing charges of selling secrets to the Soviet Union applied for Soviet citizenship last month but was denied, a government spokesman said Wednesday.

Frank Nesbitt, who is accused of delivering unauthorized information to Soviet agents, put in a written request for citizenship when he was in Moscow as a tourist in late September, Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitskikh told a news briefing.

But he was turned down because of "suspicion of connections with the criminal underworld," Gremitskikh said. (AP)

Thousands spent on misuse: Teachers, administrators and other employees from two city school districts ran up thousands of dollars in bills by making calls to telephone lines with tape-recorded pornography, sports trivia and horoscopes, records show.

"It's absolutely disgusting, people spending their time making porn calls and baseball trivia calls," declared James F. Gill, chairman of the joint commission on integrity in the public schools.

Misuse or waste in the telephone service in the two New York city districts cost them 13 cents of every dollar, the commission said. (AP)

House approves: Thousands of illegal aliens who fled civil strife in El Salvador, Nicaragua and China could be given haven in the United States for three years under an immigration package approved by the House.

The measure designed to protect as many as 750,000 exiles from deportation was approved 258-162 on Wednesday and goes to the Senate. "These are people who need our help and we are in a position to help them," said congressman Joe Moskley.

The bill would suspend for three years deportation of illegal aliens who fled El Salvador, Nicaragua and China if they were in the United States when the measure went into effect and if they registered within nine months. (AP)

Woman turns her son to FBI: A woman says she turned her son over to the FBI to face a bank robbery charge so he wouldn't get into more trouble.

"I'd rather see him in prison for a few years than see him dead. That's why I turned him in. I thought I was doing the right thing," Carolyn Hayes of Hattiesburg said Tuesday during a bond hearing for her son, Gregory Molette.

US magistrate John R. Commins III noted that Molette had convictions in 1983 and 1984 for sale of marijuana and ordered him held without bond until his trial Jan. 8.

"He's a danger to the community because of his drug habits and propensity for the sale of drugs," Commins said.

Hayes, 46, said her son "didn't have any money. He would have gone and stole and gotten in some deeper trouble." (AP)

Three convicted in trial: A court jury has convicted three men and acquitted two others on charges they conspired with Colombian drug kingpin Carlos Lehder Rivas to smuggle cocaine into the United States.

The jury reached its verdict on Thursday after 18 hours of deliberation over three days in the so-called "son of Lehder" trial, which grew out of testimony in last year's trial of Lehder.

Lehder, 40, reputedly one of the founders of the Medellín cocaine cartel, was convicted and is serving a life prison term.

The five defendants in the seven-week-long trial were accused of conspiring with Lehder to either smuggle cocaine into the United States or distribute it once it got there. (AP)

Court awards \$13.3m to inmates: A court has awarded nearly \$13.3 million to inmates and the survivors of inmates who were shot during the bloody state prison assault that ended the 1971 uprising at Attica prison.

The awards ordered Wednesday by the New York court of claims range from \$35,000 to \$75,000 and include the first damage given to survivors of inmates involved in the Attica uprising.

More than 1,200 inmates took control of the maximum-security prison near Buffalo, New York, for four days in 1971, holding guards and civilians hostage.

Police used gunfire and gas to retake the prison, killing 39 inmates and employees and injuring 80 inmates and employees on Sept. 13, 1971. One guard and three inmates were killed during the uprising. (AP)

Soviet film wins top award: "Zerograd," a satire about life after glasnost in the Soviet Union by Soviet director Karen Chaknazarov, has won the Gold Hugo, the top award in the Chicago International Film Festival.

"Bis," a study of a father's search for his missing son directed by India's Shaji Karun, and "Death of a Teamster," a drama set in 17th century Japan directed by Kei Kumai, both earned Silver Hugs.

The awards were voted by a nine member jury of film professionals and announced Wednesday.

Hong Kong director Alex Law's "Painted Faces" won a Silver Hugo for best first feature.

Silver Hugs for acting were awarded to Grazyna Szapolowska for her role in Krzysztof Kieslowski's Polish feature, "A Short Film About Love," and to Jorg Gudrun for his performance in the East German "Fallada — the Last Chapter." (AP)

Europe

New restrooms planned: When the authorities at Salisbury cathedral began planning new restrooms, they sought advice from the royal fine art commission. They got an edict.

What the bishop of Salisbury calls "providing a few much-needed loos" has been denounced as "a major act of vandalism" by the commission's chairman, Lord St John of Fawley.

Lord St John even arose in the House of Lords to lash the men who run Britain's cathedrals, declaring: "deans are dangerous." (AP)



Rats! it was in and shut the lid too

Eighteen-month-old Mari Jonsen studies a mouse her mother found in a pot of prune yoghurt on Thursday in Norway. A spokesman for the local dairy disclaimed any responsibility saying that it was possible the mouse got into the pot during transportation or in the shop but it could not explain how the mouse might have shut the lid. (Reuter wirephoto)

KGB head guilty: The head of the KGB has acknowledged the secret service's disbanded fifth department, responsible for ideological crimes, was guilty of "mistakes and excesses" in pursuing Soviet dissidents.

Vladimir Kryshtakov told the government newspaper Izvestia on Thursday the fifth department had always acted within the existing laws, including prohibitions on anti-Soviet agitation and slandering the state. (Reuter)

UK considers US jets: Britain is considering whether to let American F-15E jets that can carry new short-range nuclear missiles be based on its soil, Defence Secretary Tom King said on Wednesday.

King and US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney told reporters flying to London from their base in Portugal that no decision had yet been made but that the move would not break the spirit of the US-Soviet intermediate range nuclear forces treaty. (Reuter)

Greenhouse effect in Venice: Over the next century Venice will sink nearly three times faster than at present because of the "greenhouse effect," a scientist working to save the lagoon city said on Friday.

"Global warming means higher tides which will lower Venice by another 60 cms (23 inches) in the next 100 years," Giovanni Ciccotti of the new Venice consortium said. (Reuter)

W.Germany breaks drug ring: West German police broke up an international drug ring and stopped a Colombian association of drug dealers from gaining a foothold in the country, the Hamburg state police chief said on Wednesday.

Wolfgang Sieself said police placed 82 suspects under investigation and 20 were being held in custody.

"With the discovery of the extensive trade in heroin and cocaine planned through Hamburg, the police have proved for the first time the close ties existing between the Medellín cartel in Colombia and West German dealers," he said. (Reuter)

Polish climber dies: Jerzy Kukuczka, one of the world's leading mountain climbers, has been killed in a climbing accident in the Himalayas, the government of Nepal reported. He was 41.

The Ministry of Tourism, which regulates climbing in Nepal, said Kukuczka, a Polish citizen, died in a climbing accident Tuesday on 27,923-foot (8,511-m) Lhotse, the fourth highest mountain in the world.

Lhotse, ironically, was the scene of Kukuczka's first success in the Himalayas 10 years ago. He was only the second climber to conquer all 14 of the world's 8,000-metre (26,247-ft) peaks, all located in the Himalayas. The first man to scale all 14 was Italy's Reinhold Messner. (UPI)

Czech dissident arrested: Banned playwright Vaclav Havel, arrested by police who took him from his sickbed, is in a Prague hospital with a bronchial complaint, a friend said Friday.

Havel, who is Czechoslovakia's most prominent dissident, was detained Thursday evening by two plainclothes police officers who came to his Prague apartment, his friend Vladimir Hanzel said.

The arrest precedes a protest rally scheduled Saturday.

The police insisted the 53-year-old playwright get out of his sickbed, where he lay suffering from a high temperature, and took him to a nearby police station, Hanzel said. (AP)

Contaminated fish in UK: Fish contaminated by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union are still being found in British rivers three years after the nuclear explosion, the Agriculture Minister reported on Wednesday.

It said that brown trout, caught by anglers throughout the country, contain the highest levels of caesium 134 and 137.

Pike and perch were also affected but ministry experts said a person would have to eat more than 1.5 pounds (0.7 kg) of fish every week for a year before nearing the official risk level. (Reuter)

Medicine for AIDS: A Dutch company said on Thursday it had made a major discovery which would cut the risk of AIDS being spread through medical treatment.

The firm Mogen International said it had managed to extract from potatoes the vital protein HSA or human serum albumine, which now has to be obtained from blood.

HSA is used to treat patients suffering from serious blood loss after operations or severe burns. (Reuter)

Plot to topple Suharto

Life sentence for subversion

JAKARTA, Oct. 27. (Reuter) A Muslim arrested after a clash in which up to 100 people were killed has been sentenced to life imprisonment for trying to overthrow the government and establish an Islamic state in Indonesia.

A court spokesman said yesterday that Zamzuri Muhrozi, 46, was convicted of plotting to topple President Suharto's government and to make Islam the state ideology.

Subversion can carry the death penalty in Indonesia.

Muhrozi, sentenced on Wednesday, was arrested in February after a clash between Muslim and troops in Lampung district on the island of Sumatra.

Officials put deaths at around 30 but diplomats and human rights groups believe at least 100 people were killed.

Asia

Hong Kong question soldiers: Hong Kong police were questioning two men found near the border with China wearing Chinese army uniforms, but it was unclear whether they were seeking asylum, a government spokesman said.

The incident follows weeks of tension between Britain and China sparked by a decision to allow a Chinese dissident to leave the British colony for the United States. (Reuter)

Students clash with police: Two rival groups of radical students clashed separately with riot police in Seoul yesterday, burning US flags and a mock coffin of President Roh Tae-woo.

One group of 300 students hurling rocks and firebombs fought police after a campus rally in front of Seoul National University in southern Seoul. Police fired tear-gas to disperse the protesters in 90 minutes.

The other group, consisting of 700 students, held a separate rally at Korea University almost simultaneously to launch what they called a stepped-up anti-government and anti-US campaign.

No arrests or injuries were reported in the two protests. (AP)



Mary McCarthy dies

Novelist and critic Mary McCarthy, whose scathing wit and bold explorations of social mores made her one of the pre-eminent literary lions in the United States, has died of cancer at the age of 71.

Miss McCarthy died Wednesday at New York hospital, said Dixie Sheridan, spokeswoman for the author's Alma Mater, Vassar college in New York state.

Though she first made her mark among the leading New York intellectuals of the 1930s, writing literary and theatrical reviews for the nation and partisan review, Miss McCarthy only reached a wider audience in 1963 with her novel, "The Group."

She provoked a celebrated literary feud with Lillian Hellman by declaring, on television, "everything she writes is a lie, including 'and' and 'the'." Hellman sued for libel, but died in 1984 before the suit reached a trial.

Britain to force Vietnamese: Risking US disapproval, Britain is poised for a painful decision to force tens of thousands of Vietnamese boat people in Hong Kong to go home, fearing its colony cannot continue to care for them.

Foreign Secretary John Major warned Wednesday that the steady influx stream of Vietnamese into densely populated Hong Kong "cannot be borne much longer."

"We are seeking to cajole and persuade the Vietnamese boat people to return, but I now have to recognise that the problem in Hong Kong is acute and getting worse," he said. (AP)

Political prisoners detained: A government spokesman yesterday said authorities have detained more than a thousand political prisoners since the military crushed pro-democracy unrest last year, but Western diplomats say the number is far higher.

Speaking at the weekly government news briefing in Rangoon, Col. Than Tun said authorities had detained 1,087 people for disrupting the peace after a 17-man military junta seized power on Sept. 18, 1988. It has ruled by martial law since then. (AP)

16 killed in bus crash: Sixteen people were killed yesterday when a bus plunged into a highway maintenance truck and burst into flames on an expressway south of Seoul, police said.

At least seven people were injured, some seriously, police said. (AP)

Dissidents to use fax: Chinese dissidents on Thursday launched a programme to use fax machines in a way they hope will give their countrymen an alternative to the official press.

The operation, dubbed "Fax Freedom to China," involves magazines from 15 countries whose readers will be asked to transmit messages to the estimated 5,200 fax machines in the People's Republic of China.

Leaders of the Paris-based Federation for Democracy in China announced the programme at a press conference with Jean-Francois Bizot, publisher of the monthly Actuel. (AP)

Beijing to lift martial law: Martial law, entering its sixth month in Beijing, will be lifted soon, the People's Daily newspaper on Thursday quoted the government spokesman as saying.

"I cannot offer a timetable," Yuan Mu said. "Martial law" is for a limited time and it seems that it will be lifted before very long."

He said the government already had reduced the scope of martial law "and will continue to do so" as the capital becomes more stable. (AP)

Nixon to visit China: The Chinese Foreign Ministry announced Thursday that former US president Richard Nixon will arrive Saturday as a guest of the government.

The Chinese have regarded Nixon as a friend since he re-opened bilateral relations by visiting as president in 1972.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Li Zhaoxing announced the date of Nixon's visit at the ministry's weekly briefing, but did not give any details of the agenda. Nixon likely will see all the top Chinese leaders, including senior leader Deng Xiaoping. (AP)

Seoul busts call-girl rings: South Korean police have arrested 19 men and women accused of running call-girl rings catering mainly to Japanese tourists, and obliged dozens of prostitutes to undergo AIDS tests.

Among the 19 were a former travel agency owner alleged to have set up shop at Seoul airport, offering sex to passengers arriving from Japan, prosecutors said on Thursday.

Also behind bars was a policeman accused of taking \$4,500 in kickbacks from a woman who operated a ring of 40 call-girls around the capital's Ambassador Hotel.

They included a college student, a local beauty queen and two housewives. Most had graduated from high school.

Prosecutors said all 40 had to undergo tests for the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome virus. The results were not yet known. (Reuter)

Earthquake in Tokyo: An intense earthquake was recorded north of Tokyo yesterday, the Royal Hong Kong Observatory reported.

An observatory statement said the quake had a magnitude estimated at 5.6 on the Richter scale. It was centred about 610 kms (379 miles) northeast of Tokyo, the statement added.

An observatory spokesman said he has no additional detail of the quake. It was recorded at 1.30 a.m. Hong Kong time (1730 GMT Thursday). (AP)

Latin America

US knew of death squad: A Salvadoran soldier meeting yesterday with members of Congress says he was part of a death squad responsible for as many as 72 murders ordered by top military leaders and condoned by US officers.

Congressman Jose Martinez says he took part in eight of the killings under orders to bring leftist guerrillas "to justice."

"My work was only to execute these people," said Jose Martinez, 28, who fled El Salvador in July seeking asylum.

The defence department, responding Thursday to Jose Martinez' allegations, called claims of US complicity in death squad activity "patently absurd."

"We know of no instances in which US military personnel have been even remotely associated with such morally repugnant activities," the statement said. (AP)

Rebels insist on army purge: Leftist rebels on Wednesday insisted on a purge of the armed forces as a condition for peace and said the government's rejection of the demand was "a virtual declaration of war."

A communique issued by the high command of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, the rebel army, increased doubt about prospects for progress in peace talks.

Guerrilla and government representatives have held two rounds of discussions in recent weeks. But the opposing positions of the two sides have prevented agreement on anything but the scheduling of another session next month in Venezuela. (AP)

Bomb explosion in campus: An unidentified assailant hurled a bomb into a crowd of demonstrators Thursday at the campus of the University of El Salvador, wounding five students, school officials said.

A university statement said the attack came as student demonstrators were marking the anniversary of the October 1987 death of Herbert Anaya Sanabria, a human rights activist.

One student, who asked to not be identified, said the bomb was hurled by a uniformed soldier. The student's report could not be independently confirmed.

Five students were wounded in the blast, and one of them may have been blinded, a university spokesman said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. (UPI)

11 dead in bus accident: Eleven persons, including nine children, died and at least 30 others were injured when a bus sped off the road and plunged into a 300-foot (90 metre) ravine, police said.

A mechanical failure apparently caused the accident Thursday near the town of Alto de Las Rosas, 25 miles (40 kms) outside of Bogota, police said.

Police added that death toll could rise because many of the injured passengers were in critical condition.

The bus, belonging to a tourism company, was returning from a town 60 miles (96 kms) from the capital and was carrying teachers and students from a Bogota girls' school. (AP)

Frenchmen killed in Peru: Three French citizens and a Peruvian were reported missing and a local radio station said Thursday they had been killed by members of an Amazon tribe in the Peruvian jungle.

The station said the Frenchmen, photographer Jeanne Tardieu, 24, Joseph Tardieu, 28, and Monviale Jean Christophe, 23, and Peruvian Ramiro Sanchez Izquierdo, 30, were last seen at the Inuita army post in the jungle.

The station and a journalistic source in the country said the group had been killed by Aguaruna Indians and their bodies found near Santa Maria de Nieva.

A spokesman from the French embassy in Lima said that although French officials had heard of the incident the embassy had no official information. (UPI)

Prison inmates on hunger strike: About 3,700 prison inmates nationwide were on hunger strikes Wednesday to press demands for a pardon such as President Carlos Menem recently granted to soldiers and guerrillas accused of kidnappings and murder during the "dirty war" of the 1970s.

The strikes began last week at Caseros prison in the capital Buenos Aires, and have spread to others.

On Oct. 7, Menem barred from prosecution — and in many cases, freed from prison — 39 colonels, generals and vice admirals accused of human rights violations during the 1976-83 military dictatorship.

Also pardoned were 64 alleged leftist guerrillas, and soldiers accused of rebellion, misconduct and other military crimes.

Menem, who said the pardon was necessary to achieve "national reconciliation," has ignored the prisoners' request, saying the amnesty did not apply to common crimes.

The number of hunger strikers was estimated by local news agencies. (AP)

Africa

S. Africa to halt ivory trade: South Africa agreed on Wednesday to halt trade in ivory during 1990 but refused to be bound after that by an international ban.

Environment Minister Gert Kotze said South Africa did not agree with a ban on trading ivory by a United Nations-sponsored convention of 103 nations last week.

But he said the government would abide by the resolution "at least during 1990."

The ban, imposed by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, is aimed at protecting the elephant from slaughter by poachers and takes effect on January 18.

Zimbabwe, Botswana and Mozambique immediately announced they would continue trading, arguing, like South Africa, that they need the revenue from legitimate culling of their herds to pay for conservation and anti-poaching programmes. (Reuter)

Italy ready to host peace talks: Italy is ready to act as an observer in peace talks between the Ethiopian government and rebels from Tigre province, the Foreign Ministry said Thursday.

The ministry said in a communique that both Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam's government and the Tigre People's Liberation Front had approached Italy in recent days about the possibility of hosting negotiations and acting as observer.

Italy said it willing to do both and is now waiting for definitive confirmation from the Ethiopians on the procedures for preliminary talks.

"The Italian government ardently hopes that these negotiations can take place in the time frame established by common accord between the two parties," the statement said. Ethiopia is a former Italian colony. (AP)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Move to build power plant

Consortium awarded contract

ANKARA, Turkey, Oct. 27, (AP): A Japanese consortium was awarded a contract to build a billion-dollar thermal power plant on the Aegean coast, a government official said today.

Ibrahim Cakir, the director of the foreign investment department, told the Associated Press that the Japanese consortium would start the construction in the spring.

A government decree published in the official gazette on Wednesday described the structure of the joint company that would "finance, construct and operate" the 1,000-megawatt capacity plant in Aliaga, near the Aegean coastal province of Izmir where a Turkish free trade zone is located.

Cakir said eight Japanese companies in the consortium formed a company under the name of Turkey Bot Investment Company, which held the largest share of 66.11 per cent in the firm. Turkey's state-owned Electricity Authority (TEK) had a 30 per cent share.

In addition, the Japanese companies have separate shares in the venture. The Electric Power Development Company (EPDC) holds a 1.31 per cent share, the Mitsubishi Corp. 1.31 per cent,

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. 0.45 per cent, Hitachi Ltd. 0.39 per cent, Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Co. 0.06 per cent, Hazama-Gumi Ltd. 0.09 per cent, Kajima Corp. 0.09 per cent and Nippon Yusen Kaisha 0.19 per cent.

The gazette said the company would benefit from the services provided in free trade zones, including exemption from taxes.

The gazette said the new joint company was capitalised at 18 billion Japanese yen (\$127.2 million).

The company will build the plant under a build-operate-transfer (BOT) system introduced by Premier Turgut Ozal five years ago. According to the BOT system, the company will be responsible for the construction and operation of the plant for 15 years after the construction is completed, Cakir said.

The operation will then be handed over to the Turkish government, although an extension of the foreign operation period is negotiable.

The plant will have a capacity to produce 6 billion kilowatt-hours annually, using 2.3 million tons of imported coal.

The Japanese Export-Import Bank will supply credits for 62 per cent of the cost. The remaining 25 per cent will be covered with short term commercial credits and 13 per cent with equity financing, Cakir said.

The Japanese group defeated another foreign consortium led by Westinghouse of the United States.

The group led by the Westinghouse was ahead of the Japanese consortium in talks with the government until four months ago.

This group, which included the Japanese Chiyoda and Assoc., Turkey's Gama and the International Finance Co., even signed a memorandum of understanding with the government in August 1988 and it was then officially granted an exclusive mandate.

But the consortium failed to prepare a financing package by a government-set deadline in January and after two further extensions, officials invited the Japanese group for negotiations.

In July, a preliminary agreement was reached with the Japanese consortium.



NRI reception

NRI Investors Forum Kuwait, hosted a luncheon reception yesterday at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel in honour of the new Indian Ambassador A K Budhiraja and Mrs Budhiraja. The reception was attended by the members of the NRI Forum. CSS Khanpur, chairman of the NRI Forum welcomed the ambassador in his speech. Budhiraja also addressed the gathering and highlighted the unique role of NRIs in the economic development of India. He also praised their contribution to Kuwait. Senior officials of the Indian embassy also attended the reception.

New era of stability seen in crude prices

World dependence on Mideast oil will increase

OTTAWA, Oct. 27, (Kuna): Secretary General of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) Dr. Subroto expressed confidence that an international co-operation will open the way for a new era of stability in oil prices.

Speaking at a press conference held in Calgary city in Alberta Province, West Canada, last night, he said that "we realise that Opec cannot alone set the price. The price is determined by the market."

He said that Opec believes that "it is in the interest of producing countries to co-operate with Opec."

He went on to say that Opec seeks the co-operation of non-Opec countries because Opec's share in the international oil market retreated from 54 per cent in 1980 to 46 per cent this year.

He affirmed that Opec would restore its place in the market as the international oil demand is

strong.

He speculated that Opec will regain its power on 54 per cent of the oil market, and its total production will rise from its current level of 22 million barrels per day to 30 million barrels per day by the end of this century.

Dr. Subroto said that Opec's attempts to set the oil price at the beginning of this decade and the production level in 1986 were a "failure."

He noted that Opec's attempts to determine the prices caused continuous decline in oil demand, and setting the production level also caused deterioration in oil prices.

He expressed confidence that the Opec 13 member states will soon reach an agreement on oil quotas and a long term pricing to achieve stability in oil crude prices at the level of \$18 per barrel by next year.

Dr. Subroto attended part of a conference on oil and gas markets held currently in Calgary.

International experts, participating in the conference, speculated that Opec will strengthen its hold on oil markets in the next decade while the world dependence on the Middle East oil will increase.

Director responsible of following up developments in the oil market in the International Energy Agency, based in Paris, Quincey Lumsden, said the oil production outside the Middle East will shrink in the next decade, which will witness by the end of it a 33 per cent increase in international oil demand.

He said the oil demand will increase from 3 billion metric tons to 4 billion metric tons as a result of the world economic growth.

He said the next decade will witness a setback in oil production of the North Sea and the United States, and oil exports of developing countries, non-members of Opec, will decline because local needs will increase.

On the other hand, an expert in the American Exxon Company, John Kaye, said that most of the increase in oil demand next year will be for the interest of the less developed countries.

Meanwhile, Britain will lose more than \$3.2 billion (\$5.1 billion) in oil revenues this year because of a series of accidents at North Sea production facilities, an independent energy economist said today.

Jim Walker of the Royal Bank of Scotland said output had been hit by disasters such as the gas explosion on the Piper Alpha platform in July 1988 which killed 167 men and forced oil fields to close.

Shell's Cormorant Alpha platform in the Brent oil field also had to close last April for six weeks after a gas explosion.

Total British North Sea production losses this year would probably average 800,000 barrels per day, Walker told an oil and gas conference.

US treasury may borrow \$17 billion

Emergency basis

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (AP): The Treasury Department says it is preparing to borrow \$17 billion on an emergency basis early next week so it can pay social security benefits to 38.9 million retirees and avert an unprecedented government default.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said Thursday the emergency borrowing will enable monthly social security checks to go out on schedule Nov 3 regardless of whether Congress breaks a deadlock and passes an increase in the national debt limit.

Senate majority leader George J. Mitchell, a Maine Democrat, denounced the emergency auction today as "obviously a transparent political move to enhance the effort to get a capital-gains tax cut."

Republicans will attempt to attach the capital-gains reduction to a bill extending the debt limit. Because of stiff opposition of Democratic leaders, that effort is likely to result in a filibuster that would delay a vote on the debt bill.

Officials said the hastily announced debt auction likely will occur on Monday.

Treasury officials said the borrowing will go forward unless the administration receives assurances from congressional leaders that it will be able to secure an extension of the debt legislation before the midnight Tuesday deadline, when the current \$28.7 trillion debt ceiling drops to a lower level of 2.8 trillion.

Brady's announcement came in a letter to House Republican leader Robert Michel.

Brady said in his letter that the government will have \$17 billion in borrowing authority left on Monday, which he will use to raise cash in the financial markets before the Tuesday deadline.

Spending totals \$1.14 trillion US budget deficit dips

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (AP): The US budget deficit declined slightly to \$152.1 billion in fiscal 1989, mostly because the government spent only half as much as expected on the savings and loan bailout in August and September, it was announced today.

The budget gap for the fiscal year ending Sept 30 represented a \$3.1-billion improvement over the \$155.2 billion in red ink recorded in 1988.

The deficit had hit a record \$221.1 billion in 1986, before declining to 149.7 billion in 1987 as the country's deficit reduction law pressured the administration and Congress into holding down spending.

However, since then progress has stalled and 1989 marks the third consecutive year of essentially the same budget gap.

In August, the government projected a \$167.2-billion budget deficit for the fiscal year, but the red ink came in under projections. The government had planned to spend \$18.8 billion on savings and loan bank rescues, but spent only 9.1 billion, said a joint report by the Treasury Department and the office of management and budget.

The nation's 3,000 savings and loans — banks that make personal and mortgage loans as distinct from the 13,000 commercial banks that mainly make business loans — got into financial difficulties

through mismanagement and adverse economic conditions in recent years. Several hundred of them have become insolvent.

The new agency created Aug 9 for savings and loans bailouts, the resolution Trust Corp., was unable to complete the sale of five large savings and loans before Sept 30. That will shift those expenditures into the current fiscal year, inflating the 1990 deficit.

In September, the government spent \$105.4 billion and collected revenue of 99.2 billion, producing a deficit of 6.2 billion. In September 1988, the dollar recorded a surplus of 10.2 billion.

Spending in the 1989 fiscal year totalled \$1.14 trillion, while revenues added up to 990.8 billion.

According to economists, one factor inflating the 1989 budget gap was the timing of military pay, farm supports and social security benefits. Those monthly payments normally occur on Oct 1 — the first day of the new fiscal year.

But because that date fell on a Sunday, the checks were issued the previous Friday, pushing about \$10 billion in spending into fiscal 1989.

Also noteworthy in fiscal 1989 was the fact that interest on the \$2.8 trillion national debt surpassed social security spending on the first time.

Turkey buys Soviet gold

ANKARA, Oct. 22, (Reuters): Turkey is buying hundreds of kilos of Soviet gold for sale on a domestic market set up to help beat smuggling and place the country on the map as a centre for the metal.

A senior Central Bank official said yesterday Turkey bought 90 kg of gold from the Soviet Union in the past week and had agreed to buy 300 kg more.

Purchases from South Africa were also being considered, said Yaman Toruner, head of the money markets and funds department at the Central Bank.

Gold traders said before an official market was opened in April much of the gold entering the country was smuggled in from Bulgaria aboard speedboats, trucks and planes.

"We will continue to buy Soviet gold because it is

cheaper and we've agreed to buy 300 more kilos," Toruner said.

"Transport cost for the Soviet gold is cheaper (than South African) and we want to increase competition by supplying the market with cheaper gold," he added.

The Central Bank transfers gold from international sources directly to the securities-based domestic market where traders buy gold with foreign exchange.

The bank acts as a blind broker for traders, authorized banks and foreign exchange offices, which then sell the gold back to the market for foreign exchange or to domestic users such as jewellers or investors for the lira.

The bank charges \$22 a kg for insurance and transport. Gold was traded at around \$368 an ounce on the market on Thursday, slightly lower than the \$369 quoted on international markets, bankers said.



John Major

Major faces tough battle

LONDON, Oct. 27, (Reuters): New Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major faces a tough political fight to restore confidence in Britain's crisis-hit economy and unite rival government factions.

Bankers and analysts said Major, who took over after Nigel Lawson resigned unexpectedly last night, would have to state his policies quickly or face turmoil.

Major said he would continue Lawson's economic policies. But industrialists and financiers will be watching for shades of change when the chancellor addresses parliament next week.

"We are all very much in the dark about Major and what sort of economic principles he has," Peter Spencer, an analyst at bankers Shearson Lehman Hutton told Reuters.

Major had worked for two years as Lawson's virtual deputy until his elevation to foreign secretary in July. But he was more involved in budget details than strategy and exerted no real influence in questions of policy.

"That's why people are worried and uncertain," Spencer said.

The pound sterling weakened and shares fell sharply in early trading today as fears over the crisis spread. But central bank intervention and expectations of a rise in interest rates ward off any immediate risk of collapse.

Spencer described the market fall after early falls as the "calm before the storm." Major was expected to state clearly in parliament next week whether he would continue Lawson's controversial policy of high interest rates.

Currency market movements

LONDON, Oct. 27, (Reuters): The following table shows the latest closes of key indices on major world stock exchanges, the day's change in points and the indices' 1989 highs and lows (with dates). Also shown are the London closes of the West German mark, the Japanese yen, the pound sterling and gold bullion (previous closes in brackets).

	Oct 27	Day's change in points	1989 high	1989 low
New York	2,594.47	+19.26	2,791.41	2,144.64
London	2,082.1	-47.3	2,426.0	1,782.8
Tokyo	35,527.29	-151.20	35,689.98	30,183.79
Frankfurt	619.15	-10.87	690.91	535.78
Paris	513.51	-3.59	561.6	417.9
Sydney	1,621.1	-27.2	1,781.8	1,412.7
Hong Kong	2,667.99	-23.19	3,309.64	2,093.61

Foreign exchange/gold bullion close in London

	1,829.5 marks (1,824.4)
Dollar/mark	141.05 yen (141.85)
Dollar/yen	\$1.5750 (\$1.6100)
Pound/dollar	\$374.00 (\$369.00)

Indices used and their all-time highs

	2,791.41 (Oct 9/89)
New York Dow Jones industrial average	2,791.41 (Oct 9/89)
London FTSE index	2,443.4 (July 16/87)
Tokyo Nikkei Average	35,689.98 (Sept 28/89)
Frankfurt Faz index	753.88 (April 17/86)
Paris CAC General index	561.6 (Oct 1/89)
Sydney Australian All-Ordinaries index	2,305.9 (Sept 21/87)
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	3,949.73 (Oct 1/87)

The pound ended at \$1.5750 and 2.8815 marks from Thursday's 1.6100 and 2.9653.

Gold closed at \$374.00 an ounce from a Thursday finish of 369.00, a three-month high.

Here is how major stock markets outside the United States ended today.

London — Shares ended a busy session near the day's lows as dealers remained worried by sterling's weakness and the resignation of Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson and the possibility of higher interest rates.

Wall Street's weakness added to negative sentiment.

The FTSE-100 index closed 47.3 points down at 2,082.1.

Frankfurt — Prices ended mostly lower in moderate trade with investors remaining cautious in light of continued uncertainty on Wall Street.

But dealers said the market might have room to firm a bit early next week now that share indices have reached critical chart support levels.

The Real-Time 30-share Dax index ended 19.69 points or 1.3 per cent lower at 1,462.93.

Paris — French share prices extended mid-session losses to close 2.63 per cent down, undermined by Wall Street's weakness and a fall in car maker Peugeot. The CAC-40 index was 47.72 points lower than the previous close at 1,782.27 after opening at 1,790.09. First half results showed Peugeot made an attributable net profit of 4.55 billion francs, well below market expectations.

Zurich — Shares closed lower in cautious trading with most investors sidelined after the overnight fall on Wall Street and the surprise resignation of British Chancellor Lawson.

The Swiss market index of 21 leading shares fell 21.2 points to 1,680.6 and the All-Share Swiss performance index ended 13.5 points lower at 1,106.0.

Tokyo — Shares closed lower in very heavy turnover after profit-taking a large-capital domestic shares.

about the British economy before last night. Sterling had shed its image of a solid petrocurrency to dip under three and then 2.95 marks.

The current account balance of payments appears to be heading for a record \$20 billion (\$30 billion) deficit this year, inflation is stubbornly above seven per cent and high interest rates have failed to choke a spending boom.

The appointment of John Major as Chancellor, previously Foreign Secretary but earlier deputy to Lawson at the treasury, did little to lift the gloom. "Nobody really knows anything about major," said one Frankfurt trader.

At the heart of Lawson's departure was a row over future British membership of the European Monetary System (EMS). Lawson broadly backed it, but Thatcher and Walters disliked the idea.

But the division was widely known and raised doubts about government policy on sterling. A Thatcher statement today that economic policy would not change did not hearten markets.

"Basically this is the calm before the storm," said Peter Spencer, economist at broker Shearson Lehman Hutton. "By this time next week John Major will have to give some sort of signal to markets."

Sterling's woes overshadowed the dollar, which closed at 1.8295 marks and 142.05 yen from Thursday's closing 1.8424 and 141.85.

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Claims of health risks to non-smokers rejected

THE Federal Aviation Administration has officially rejected claims that smoking on planes is a serious health risk.

The FAA says: "At this time, scientific evidence has not sufficiently established that there is a significant health risk to non-smoking passengers and crew members, while on board an aircraft, when other passengers are smoking and the existing smoking regulations are enforced."

This rebutted the strident calls for an all-out smoking ban on flights whenever their duration.

Instead, the controversy will wait for the results of the Department of Transportation Cabin Air Quality

study set up last year by US Congress as part of a compromise package which imposed a temporary ban on smoking aboard commercial flights of two hours or less.

"I would be premature to take new steps to protect non-smokers on air-crafts before knowing the results of a study carried out by the Department of Transportation," says the FAA.

"DOT is concluding a study to identify the possible type and level of contaminants created by smoking aboard aircraft and the health risks such contaminants may pose to non-smoking passengers."

The FAA wants to give careful consideration to the DOT study and

other government agencies concerning the options for mitigating the exposure to second hand smoke.

"Further rethinking at this time is premature."

Gray Robertson, President of ACVA Atlantic Inc., specialists in fighting indoor air pollution, told a congressional hearing in Washington that the cabin air on most air-planes is becoming increasingly polluted as airlines attempt to cut costs by decreasing ventilation.

"Ironically, there has been no evidence of excessive levels of carbon monoxide, airborne particulates or nicotine, all of which have been linked to tobacco smoke as a source,"

said Robertson. "According to all available data, a smoking ban has not achieved and will not achieve clean indoor air on commercial airlines."

"If the goal of the committee is to ensure a clean and healthy environment for airline passengers, improving ventilation standards and systems will go immeasurably further than attempts to react to any individual pollutant."

Source: Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Register, Volume 54, No. 101, 26 May 1989. Testimony of Gray Robertson, President, ACVA Atlantic Inc., to US House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, June 1989.

New measures needed to help Eastern Europe

Mitterrand calls for monetary union

STRASBOURG, France, Oct. 27, (UPI): President Francois Mitterrand urged the European Economic Community Wednesday to accelerate integration to allow the common market to respond to the radical changes under way in Eastern Europe.

In an impassioned speech to deputies at the European parliament at Strasbourg, the socialist leader pressed for speedy monetary union within the 12-member Common Market — including a common currency and a European central bank — and for the adoption of a plan for a Europe-wide "social contract."

Political experts said Mitterrand thus set the stage for those issues to dominate a summit of European leaders to be held in December. The French leader hopes to use his position as current rotating head of the EEC to score a victory over British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who is bitterly opposed to a full European Monetary Union and the French vision of Europe.

On Eastern Europe, Mitterrand hailed Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for his "courage and eminent, historic role."

"Help (him) when one can and as one can, but do help," Mitterrand implored the parliamentarians.

"Just as during the great hours of (the French Revolution in) 1789, the clamour of the people has made itself heard," Mitterrand made no direct reference to the prospect of German reunification but reiterated his well-worn theme that Western Europe will have to react to changes in Eastern Europe in the context of European integration.

Mitterrand called for the foundation of a "bank for Europe that, like the European Investment Bank, will finance big projects by associating its board of directors with the 12 Europeans and then the others, Poland, Hungary and why not the Soviet Union."

To help Gorbachev, the International Monetary Fund and the General Agreement on

Trade and Tariffs should give "observer status" to the Soviet Union "so that it can make known its needs."

Mitterrand called for the 12 to "put in common their aid" to Eastern European countries and especially to Poland. He proposed the launch of "a major Euro-Polish Solidarity loan" and said he would like to see "an urgent plan in each country to take charge of a region or a city in Poland so as to assure its development and the distribution" of aid.

Mitterrand cautioned, however, that the far-reaching changes in Eastern Europe would be "complicated" for Western Europe. "To pass from one equilibrium to another as is happening today supposes rocky transitions, about turns, troubles and crises. But what else, what hope?"

The best way the Common Market could bolster itself against the turbulence in the Eastern bloc was to speed up integration, Mitterrand indicated in his more-than-one-hour-long speech.

He called for a new European treaty to be held in Autumn 1990 to be ratified by member state governments by Jan. 1, 1993.

Mitterrand urged community members to go beyond plans for greater co-ordination of economic and monetary policy starting July 1, 1990. "If we stop there, we hardly will have advanced, at least compared to the present situation."

"True economic and monetary union must go much further — a common monetary policy, the same currency and a (European) central bank."

Mitterrand also called for implementation of the "social charter" a liberal vision of Europe drawn up by the European Commission at Brussels that was adopted in principle by the 12 at Madrid in June but is vehemently opposed by Thatcher.

"To make Europe without the participation of the workers would be to make Europe against them. Social policy represents an element of cohesion and dynamism indispensable to economic progress."

Feldstein upbeat about American economy

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 27, (UPI): Economist Martin Feldstein said yesterday he is optimistic about the US economy in the coming decade.

Feldstein, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, said he does not foresee the combination of high inflation and serious recession that characterised the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"I wouldn't want to bet the ranch on it," he said, "but I think we'll avoid both of those excesses in the '90s."

Feldstein said he believes the inflation-recession decade now taught policy makers a lesson.

"The Federal Reserve now understands it made mistakes in the '70s by trying to target too low an inflation rate," he said. "I think the '90s will see an inflation rate that could come down below 4 per cent."

But Feldstein noted that the inflation rate in the United States is higher and likely to remain higher than in Germany or Japan over the next few years.

By 1984 the trade deficit increased to more than 3 per cent of the gross national product. Feldstein said, with the primary reason being the increase in the value of the dollar.

The dollar came down in February 1985 and then stopped falling at the beginning of 1987. It is now moving erratically, he said, with some decline in its value seen in the last several weeks.

Feldstein said he expects the dollar to fall by 15 to 20 per cent over the next two to three years.

Currency rates

KUWAIT, Oct. 27, (Kuwait): Following are the international currency rates quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29785	0.29900
Sw. franc	0.47440	0.48250
Dm.	0.16130	0.16310
Sw. fr.	0.16130	0.16310
F. fr.	0.04730	0.04880
It. lira	0.002199	0.002225
Jap. yen	0.002993	0.003121
B. dinar	0.78980	0.79360
UAE dir.	0.08105	0.08148
S. riyal	0.07936	0.07978
O. riyal	0.08175	0.08211
O. riyal	0.77310	0.77730

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Oct. 27, (Kuwait): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-9/16	8-9/16
3 months	8-9/16	8-9/16
6 months	8-1/4	8-1/2
1 year	8-1/4	8-1/2

EXCHANGE RATES

Indian rupee	17.860
Sri Lanka rupee	7.570
Pakistani rupee	14.730
Bangladesh taka	9.180
US dollar	29890
Pound sterling	48150
UAE dirham	08135
Deutsche mark	16255
Japanese yen	002118

Japanese bond market stages surprisingly good rally

THE major financial markets turned in an uneven performance over the third quarter with the bond sectors underperforming equities, largely influenced by globally restrictive monetary policy aimed at containing possible inflationary pressures emanating from strong economic growth, coupled with the volatile exchange rates. Although the Japanese market strengthened noticeably as far as bond, stock and currency were concerned, the rally on the US bond and currency markets faltered while the UK, West German and Dutch markets maintained favourable tenancy, except bonds, according to Kuwait International Investment Company's Economic Review.

The Japanese bond market staged a surprisingly good rally in the shadow of lingering political upheaval, inspired by the G-7's firm pledge to rein in the high-flying dollar which declined steeply to yen 139 level (relieved upward pressure on interest rates), generally stable domestic price indexes in the August wholesale price index which was almost unchanged from 3.0 per cent annualised in July, and persistently tight supply/demand situation.

Moreover, the stock market picked up pace with the NDI piercing through the 35,000 mark for the first time and setting a record high closing of 35,689.98 on Sept. 28, to score a fairly healthy 8.2 per cent gain. Facilitating the upward momentum were Japan's strong economic fundamentals highlighted by a relatively promising second quarter GNP growth at an annual rate of 3.1 per cent that indicates good prospects for corporate earnings results.

ings results, the yen's extended recovery against the dollar (enhanced index-linked buying) combined with the Bank of Japan's determination to maintain an easier credit environment. Enthusiasm cooled off in the US treasury market, thought the short-end was slightly bolstered by flight-to-quality in treasury bills amid concern over cash-flow problems in the high-yield junk bonds. Contributing to the dismal display were signs of moderate economic growth underscored by the revised growth rate of 2.5 per cent annualised in the second quarter GNP that does not justify further relaxation of the Fed's credit policy in the near term, the subdued dollar amid aggressive central bank intervention coming on the heels of the G-7's commitment to closely cooperate on exchange markets, coupled with the flow of new supply relating to the funding of the thrift industry bailout in addition to regular treasury auctions.

Though inflation appeared to be moderating, there are still underlying influences placing upward pressure on domestic prices, notably buoyant wage increases reflecting the general tightness of the labour market and a sharp rebound in the second quarter consumer spending to +2.6 per cent from +1.9 per cent in the previous period. On the other hand, the Wall Street put in an impressive performance registering an exceptional 10.4 per cent advance as measured by the DJIA, that topped the 2700 level for the first time in two years and set an all time record closing high of 2752.09 on September 1. In the face of interest rate jitters, increasingly bullish mood took cue

from perception of a soft-landing scenario for the US economy that hints at receding recession fears, an improving trade balance at a fairly good pace as reflected in the narrowing of the trade deficit for the first seven months of this year to \$61.72 billion from \$68.62 billion in the corresponding period last year, and considerable takeovers/speculative activity which focussed on a couple of sectors including airlines and entertainment.

A sudden bearishness gripped the German bond market, notwithstanding the repeal of controversial 10 per cent withholding tax effective July. The renewed sell-off was attributed to increasing potential inflationary pressures in the domestic economy reinforced by a robust 4.6 per cent GNP growth rate annualised in the first half of this year, especially an already stretched productive capacity and the tight labour market where unemployment rate stood at 7.5 per cent in August (suggests an impending Bundesbank's move to further tighten its monetary policy in the foreseeable future), growing credibility of the exchange rate commitments of other EEC countries where German investors have become quite happy about investment, and recent booming global stock markets.

However, the mood of the stock market was basically positive in spite of the recent spate of share offerings that drained liquidity from the money market, thus putting upward pressure on short-term interest rates. Investors were encouraged by improving economic fundamentals, particularly record export levels of DM80.9 billion for the first

seven months of this year, the withdrawal of withholding tax on investment income and the resultant healthy surplus in capital account, combined with expectations of strong corporate earnings in 1989.

Reflecting this trend, the FAZ index attained a record closing high of 685.92 on Sept 8 — the highest level in more than two years — to register an 8.0 per cent rise.

The Dutch bond market retreated sharply, failing to make any significant headway in spite of the relatively stable guideline against the D-mark. Confidence was weighed down by growing apprehension over strong domestic economic growth coupled with the general tightness in the labour market, particularly export-related industries that implied robust wage increases in spring 1990 negotiations (suggests fading prospects for the near term credit easing by the Dutch monetary authorities), ongoing political uncertainty surrounding the formation of new coalition government, and mounting speculation of an imminent hike in key German interest rates. Nevertheless, the underlying trend on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange was generally positive, with All Share Index climbing to a record closing high of 210.50 on Sept 8 and securing a 5.4 per cent advance, although uncertainty over the future direction of exchange rates kept export-sensitive issues on the defensive.

Key factors for this development were improving prospects for the Dutch economy partly reflected in the healthy trade surplus of DFL 4.4 billion for the first five months of 1989, increased institutional equity holdings and continued takeovers/speculative activity

which largely centred on insurance and banking sectors.

Sentiment turned sour on the gilt-edged market, which overlooked the decelerating pace in the second quarter GDP to an annual rate of +2.2 per cent from the revised +2.9 per cent in the previous quarter. Depressing influences were continuing vulnerability of sterling on the currency markets due to deteriorating current account deficit which remained substantial at £9.4 billion in the first half of this year against £9.2 billion in the second half of 1988 (indicates that base rates will remain at 14 per cent or higher to stifle demand for imports), mounting wage inflation risks underlined by a 9 per cent pay award at UK Telecom as well as the tightening labour market with a nine-year low unemployment rate of 6.1 per cent August, combined with revised speculation of a possible German interest rate rise to counter domestic price pressures.

However, the stock market maintained its impressive run which is indicative of a 5.7 per cent surge on the FT10, hat set a record closing high of 2008.6 on Sept 5, though interest rate fears capped further price advances. Investors were cheered by encouraging news of inflation as measured by Retail Price Index, that decelerated sharply to an annual rate of 7.3 per cent in August from 8.2 per cent in July, renewed takeovers/speculative activity that particularly involved a \$2 billion bid by the US Holiday Inn Hotels chain for Bass P.L.C., and the exceptional strength of the New York market due to fading recession threat.

Gulf planning to boost oil output

Oil producers flush with unexpected profits

DUBAI, Oct. 27, (Reuters): The big five Gulf oil producers, flush with unexpected oil profits this year and encouraged by prospects of greater demand in the 1990s, are planning a major rise in output capacity.

Oil industry sources in the Gulf said Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are planning to spend billions of dollars in the next five years to meet an expected increase in world oil demand in the coming years.

Projected oil revenues, the lifeblood of Gulf economies, have risen by at least 20 per cent so far this year.

"Most Gulf states budgeted oil revenues around \$12-13 per barrel for 1989. They are now

earning over \$15 per barrel," an oil analyst in the Gulf said.

"Higher oil revenues are a shot in the arm for Gulf economies and they will invest heavily in the oil sector to increase output capacity," a Gulf-based oil executive said.

The big five oil producers sit on top of almost two-thirds of the world's proven crude reserves, enough to last over a 100 years or more at current production rates.

The West's energy watchdog International Energy Agency (IEA) has projected world oil demand will grow to four billion tonnes a year by the turn of the century from three billion at present.

Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister

Hisham Nazer told an oil conference in London last week that "the coming decade is going to be good for the oil business."

Gulf oil states are confident of their place in this growing market. The IEA says by the year 2000, 35 per cent of the world's energy needs will be met by Middle East producers compared with 20-25 per cent today.

Saudi Arabia will spend around \$15 billion over five years to raise capacity to 10 million barrels per day (BPD) from the current 6.5 million.

Iran, trying to restore and expand an industry devastated by its Gulf war with Iraq, has allocated \$8.4 billion over the next five years.

Producers are hunting for hidden reserves of oil.

The emirate of Dubai, the second biggest oil producer in the UAE, has decided to look onshore. Its 400,000 BPD output is all produced from offshore fields.

Analysts forecast the big five may have 24 to 25 million BPD capacity by the end of the 1990s against around 18 million now.

If the projected growth in world oil consumption happens, Gulf oil producers will benefit disproportionately as revenue from oil dominates all their other income sources.

The Gulf producers typically rely on oil revenues for 50 to over 90 per cent of their total income.

Trade gap is widening

Bankers fret as China sets up debt fund

BEIJING, Oct. 27, (Reuters): China announced today it would set up a fund to repay its rising foreign debt, adding to fears among some foreign bankers the country could go the way of other Third World debtors and be unable to pay.

The People's Daily quoted Vice-Finance Minister Liu Zhongli as telling a conference of foreign bankers and businessmen China would set up a debt-servicing fund to ensure there was no problem in repaying its debts.

Foreign bankers wondered who would lend to the new fund and why it was necessary.

A Japanese banker asked: "Why does Liu need to reassure us about repayment unless there is a problem?"

"We do not see China as a good risk anymore," said a European banker. "It cannot repay the debts on its own. It must borrow more. But who is going to lend? Foreign banks are afraid China will become like Poland and Mexico and be unable to pay."

Mexico, Poland, Brazil, and other major debtors have had to reschedule their debts to meet payments.

Detailed official figures released for the first time earlier

this month showed China's debt had reached \$40 billion at the end of 1988, having grown 36 per cent a year since the end of 1985, when it was only 15.8 billion.

Repayment of interest and principal will rise to a peak of \$10 billion in 1992.

Liu did not say when the fund would be set up or how it would function, except to say it would ensure China's debt payments.

"Facing the debt repayment peak in the next two years, China will follow international practice and take out new loans to repay old ones," Liu said.

But some bankers were not so optimistic about China's chances

of finding sufficient lenders in the wake of the military crackdown on pro-democracy protests in Beijing in June.

After the army's suppression of the student-led protests, the World Bank, Japan and the West suspended new loans to China, prompting many commercial banks to do the same.

"The trade gap is widening and tourist income is falling," the European banker said. "There are so many economic problems. The picture is very black. The World Bank will not be able to resume at least until its next board meeting in February or March."

Consumer spending posts weakest advance

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, (AP): US consumer spending in September posted its weakest advance in a year, while Americans' personal income grew a lacklustre 0.3 per cent, the government said today in a report raising new concern about the health of the economy.

The Commerce Department said consumer spending rose 0.2 per cent last month. It was the most sluggish figure since September 1988, when it fell 0.1 per cent, and followed more robust increases of 0.9 per cent in August and 0.8 per cent in July.

The income growth of 0.3 per cent followed an identical advance in August and a 0.6 per cent gain in July.

The statistics on Americans' income growth and spending habits provided fresh evidence that the economy is continuing to slow. As measured by the gross national product, the economy grew at a moderate 2.5 per cent in the July-September quarter, but few economists expect it to match that pace in the last three months of the year, with a laudible saying the nation could slip into a recession.

Other signs of weakness in the month include a decline of 103,000 manufacturing jobs and a slight drop in orders for big ticket durable goods. However, the government noted that hurricane Hugo, which struck

North and South Carolina in September reduced personal income, with most of the decline coming in rental income. Without the storm, incomes would have risen twice as much, 0.6 per cent.

Overall, personal income in September totalled \$4.47 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate following a revised rate of \$4.46 trillion a month earlier.

Spending rose in at an annual rate of \$3.53 trillion following a revised \$3.52 trillion in August.

The September report showed Americans' income after taxes rose only 0.2 per cent, down from the 0.3 per cent gain in August.

Far-reaching pacts

Gorbachev signs trade deals

HELSINKI, Oct. 27, (Reuters): President Mikhail Gorbachev, beset by deepening labour strife in the Soviet Union, signed yesterday far-reaching agreements on the environment and economic co-operation with Finland.

Gorbachev, on the second day of an official visit, met leaders of the Confederation of Finnish Industries who told him how Finland had transformed a predominantly rural economy into a highly industrialised one.

"The Soviet Union has similar resources but has been more cautious in developing them," said confederation chairman Casimir Ehrnrooth.

While being shown around an exhibition of Finnish high-technology projects, Gorbachev held a mobile telephone and held a three-minute conversation with an unidentified caller in Moscow.

"See you in Moscow," he said before heading back the set.

Gorbachev met Prime Minister Harri Holkeri for early morning talks and he and President Mauno Koivisto were later to chair celebrations for the signing of about 30 agreements on economic co-operation, environmental protection and other topics.



Brisk trading

Singapore International Monetary Exchange (Simex), begins brisk trading in new interest rate Euroyen futures contract, competing with Tokyo and Hong Kong to become Asia's leading financial centre. (Reuters wirephoto)

Growth rate to decline

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Oct. 27, (AP): Malaysia's economic growth rate will slow from 7.7 per cent in 1989 to 6.5 per cent in 1990, according to a government forecast released today.

The country's GNP is forecast to reach 71.81 billion ringgits (\$26.66 billion) in 1990, up from 67.4 billion ringgits (\$25.02 billion) in 1989, according to the Malaysian economic report, presented to parliament today by Finance Minister Daim Zainuddin together with his 1990 budget speech.

The report forecast that gross domestic product would grow by 6.5 per cent or 75.91 billion ringgits (\$28.19 billion). In 1989 GDP grew 7.6 per cent to 71.29 billion ringgits (\$26.47 billion).

Treasury officials said one reason for the decline in the growth rate was the fall in the price of some of Malaysia's exports such as natural rubber, palm oil, timber, coconuts, oil and other products.

The national government budget for 1990 was set at 32 billion ringgits (\$11.98 billion) compared to 29.1 billion ringgits (\$10.8 billion) in 1989.

Of this, development expenditures for new projects such as roads, housing and defence amounts to 7.85 billion ringgits (\$2.91 billion) in the 1990 budget, up from 5.4 billion ringgits (\$2 billion) for 1989.

Bombay shares

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Ru) Oct. 28			Ind Rayon	86.50	87	88
Pr. Close	Open	Close	Indrol	245	247.50	247.50
ACC	303	307	Jin Engg	66	66	66
Alcon Chem	—	—	Kir Curn	68.50	68	70
Alfa Nis	—	—	KSB Pumps	195	190	197.50
Art Fab	—	—	L & T	95.50	96	95
Ashtok Ley	87	86.50	87.50	92	92	92
Asia Paint	210	210	210	138.75	135	137.50
Atlas Corp	49.50	49	50	102	100	102
Auto Corp	73.50	72.50	73.50	102.75	102	104
Nat Indus	387.50	392.50	392.50	16.15	16	16.15
Bajaj Auto	342.50	342.50	345	670	670	672.50
Bar Rayon	757.50	787.80	797.50	Mitrood	205	205
Blow Plast	—	—	—	Modi	76	76
Bom Dye	126	128	129.50	MRF Ltd	332.50	335
BK Road	93.50	95	96	Muk Iron	140	143
Burr Wel	100	93.75	100	Nadi	1025	1000
Canshale	—	—	—	Nat Org	—	—
Can Enka	3125	3150	3150	Nippon	49	49
Index for 25/10	2380	2380	2420	Oron	17	16.75
Colgate	—	—	—	Oron	80	79.50
Crompton	13	13	13	Paper	72.50	73
DCM	13	13	13	Ponds	175	175
Deep Fert	29.25	30.50	30	Prem Auto	16.75	16.75
Dunlop	73	71	72	Ray Wood	67.50	62.50
El Hotels	63	62	63	Ranchit	67.50	67.50
Escorts	78	78	78	Rockitt	188.75	187.50
BSE Index	738.32	752.33	752.33	Reliance	95	96
Elayur	113.75	116.25	115	Sen Gon	71	72
Esar Spg	22.50	23	23	Shaw Wall	111.25	112.50
Food Spl	111.25	112.50	112.50	Shri Fib	—	—
Forbes	49.50	47.50	50	Siemens	55	53
Gar Poly	60.50	60	61	SKF	73	74
Gillette	101.50	102	104.50	St Mills	1310	1310
GNFC	32.75	33	34	Tata Oil	47	46.25
Grasim	107	108	108	Tata Chem	480	480
Index for 25/10	45	46	47.25	Tata Oil	65	65
GE Ship	180	180	178.75	Tata Chem	123.50	123
CEFC	74	74.75	73.50	Tata Pow	390	390
Oni Alki	11	10.50	11	Telco	1067.5	1070
Oni Heavy	19	18	19	Tyres Agro	—	—
Hero Honda	110	111	111.50	Tisco	125	125.25
Hind Cera	995	985	1010	Vam Org	164	163.75
Hind Lever	110	111	111.50	Vareli	23.50	21.25
Hind Motor	132.50	132	133	Vestas	905	905
Hind Motor	24.50	25	24.75	Winson	27.25	27.50
Hindol	282.50	287.50	287.50	Zenith	51	51
Hoodex	1310	1310	1310	Zuari Agro	74	78
Ingersoll	405	395	405			
ITC	69	68	70	Compiled by	Kawasit-India	Inter-

French fashions female Bosoms — the bottom line

PARIS, Oct. 27. (AP) — French designers sent a message in their fashion shows of the past week that women in 1990 should be free, feminine and sexy — and so should their clothes.

Gone are the tailored power suits and the frilly little-girl puffs that came out in the 1980s in reaction to masculine tailoring. Female glamour now reigns. The Parisian shows, displaying next summer's styles, ended last Wednesday.

The spotlight was on the bosom — in slashed décolletés and plunging suit lapels. Some jackets by Chanel and Yves Saint Laurent were even flopping open to nude breasts.

Heart-shaped necklines and curvy rump jackets and skirts all contributed to the female silhouette. The slim waist often was girdled or sashed.

Beautiful boleros, swallowtails and trapeze tops contributed to the latest glamour-girl looks.

Shoulders have softened up for next spring's rounded contours, though discreet padding still gives shape to many outfits, especially at Givenchy and Saint Laurent.

For evening, off-the-shoulder, tight and low-cut bustier tops, backless and sometimes frontless styles were paraded. There were enough bare midriffs and breasts to keep beach bums on their toes.

Another Paris motto for next summer: legs are made for walking, or even tripping, in the new young minis, hot pants, and flared shorts.

They were done best with braided-piped hems, waistbands and pockets by Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel who aimed his talents at a whole new youth market for the traditionally elegant house.

Cyclers' tights were popular on the catwalks, but are forgettable for women over 14. And the many slim skirts to the knee looked almost stodgy.

More contemporary and to the point were asymmetrical draped-front sarongs or wrapped skirts — especially done by masters like Saint Laurent or Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel.

Long sheer crepe or chiffon pleated pantskirts or flared pyjamas were fluidly prettier than ever. For sporty moments, cropped wide pants will be a big item.

The fabric combination of transparent-opaque is a great teaser for next summer. It's well done in wispy little draped skirts with strong, long jackets, or the reverse, as transparent, billowy tops over a solid skirt or pants.

Some themes to remember: tiger ladies or alluring Janes for Tarzan, as animal prints seem to be permanent residents in the fashion zoo. But talented designers like Christian Lacroix and Jean-Louis Scherrer manage to keep the old cats spry.

Safari styles with bush jackets, sometimes combined with bare-midriffed sarongs rather than the usual skirts or shorts were another Paris favourite.

Fabrics have never been more softly feminine. Linen has a soft textured appeal or becomes nearly as sheer as voile. Cool wools are carelessly soft and light, along with cotton poplin and jersey.

Gossamer-light georgette draped flutters around the runways — so many in draped dresses and skirts at Chanel that they were dubbed the "georgette set."

Organza is the hottest high-style summer fabric, memorable in the huge bows at Dior and in cloud-like flounces and duster toppers all over. A fresh white organza blouse or two should be any woman's

romantic staple for summer.

Chiffon, also known as mousseline, wafted out in several shades for iridescence.

Fique and cotton quilting looked especially fine at Lacroix. Indian silks, satin, lace and brocades took a back seat to the lighter fabrics but still were striking.

Colours for summer take off from classics of navy with blazing white lapels, black-and-white and grey, and go into the spicy shades of curry and cinnamon, plus khaki and café au lait or chocolate.

Contrasting with the sobriety were dusky pastels, celadon, violet, wisteria, peach, raspberry, forest green and stronger shades like mimosa yellow, cornflower blue, tomato, shocking pink.

Lacroix' cherry cotton, hearts-and-stars prints were adorable, and he still makes oversized bound-stitch checks look good in dressy street wear.

Dior's smaller checks were interesting. Valentino, Lacroix and a few others showed glen and tartan plaids. Outsized polka and pin-dots were still fine in petty outfits everywhere from Dior to Saint Laurent.

Ungaro's garden of prints toned down to prettier shades than last year. Otherwise, floral motifs were simply sweet or big and bold.

Hats and headresses were less weird than in the past. A few boaters, a top hat at Dior, garden-party sunhats, pillboxes and several types of sailor hats topped off the clothes.

Low-heeled or flat pumps, sandals, biking and tennis-type shoes — often shown with black or white tights — were sensible but not chunky. High-heeled pumps and sandals gave finesse to svelte late-day wear.

The designers the most praised by buyers and press included Ungaro, for loosening his usual plaster-on-the-wall tight styles, Issey Miyake for showing body-clutching striped pants and tops and less drapery, Claude Montana for abandoning his tough look for quieter clothes.

Montana's show summed up the trends: Bare arms, rope-like tendrils curling across bare backs and bosoms, deeply-cut necklines, cutouts on the navel, transparent chiffon blouses, etc.

Montana appeared to be warming up for taking on his new high fashion 'couture' job next month at the fading Lanvin salon (he will continue to design ready-to-wear under his own label).

Another show that was closely watched was that of Italian designer Gianfranco Ferré, signed to do both ready-to-wear and high fashion at the Christian Dior salon. Some French critics called his work a brilliant success. Other spectators judged the show brighter than those of the fired Dior designer Marc Bohan but not up to Ferré's couture shows in Italy.

But there was no argument that Lagerfeld was a double winner for his two October shows, one under his own label, the other for Chanel.

Saint Laurent won the season's only standing ovation for his offering, one of his best ever collections that continued his pure, classic and forever wearable suits, coats, safari dresses and tuxedo outfits.

A memorable moment was Saint Laurent's long skinny black satin evening gown with the model imitating the late film star Rita Hayworth's languorously stripping off long satin gloves in the film Gilda.



Yves Saint-Laurent presented this silk evening dress, bare shoulders and full length gloves as part of his spring-summer ready-to-wear collection. (Reuter wirephoto)

Plastic house for the future 21st century technology

PITTSFIELD, Massachusetts, Oct. 27. (AP) — The house that high-performance plastics helped build was unveiled this week, a gracious colonial dwelling with some decidedly 21st century technology tucked behind its facade.

"We are very excited in sharing with you what we feel the future of home ownership is," Uwe Wascher, vice-president of marketing for GE Plastics, said at the opening of the living environment concept house at the division's headquarters.

General Electric officials pointed out that the engineering plastics used in the house have little in common with the stuff of toys or with the space-age type of plastic housing that has been experimented with during the past 40 years.

About one-third of the house is plastic. The total cost is estimated at \$10 million, including research and model development.

The engineering plastics used typically have high melting points, create little smoke when they burn and have good sound-deadening properties. But the house is so airtight it requires strong ventilating systems.

The house has curved bay windows, large decks and huge atrium windows. It is clearly in the dream house category, with such amenities as double showers that convert to steam rooms, power windows and movable walls.

Tour guides showed off some of the features, such as a 50-gallon (190-litre) reservoir in the

basement in case of drought, liquid quartz technology to make made windows opaque and refrigeration systems set into the kitchen walls.

Cutaway sections throughout the house showed the plastics molded into walls and floors and, in one bathroom, the tub was sliced in two, right down to a bisected rubber duck.

GE officials say the house will serve as a laboratory to explore use of engineering polymers in construction markets, but also contains some practical concepts that are already in use. Roof tile panels of high-performance plastics are already on the market, as are some of the window units, which feature snap-in moldings.

"You get used to it. You don't point it, you just replace it," said tour guide Rob Gillette.

The 3,000-square-foot (280-square-metre), two-storey house, with a split-level basement, was built for a family of four, with a large master bedroom luxuriously appointed with a jacuzzi, window seat and Japanese toilets featuring a built-in exhaust fan and automatic bidet.

Company officials conceded it will be some time before all of the innovations become commonplace.

The plastics used in the building are two to 10 times more expensive than traditional building materials, but GE expects them to become competitive as builders look toward prefabricated and component assembly to hold down costs.

Designers searching for a new look into next decade

PARIS, Oct. 27. (Reuter) — With the close of the 1980s, decade of power-dressing and the omnipresent shoulder-pad, the women's fashion industry is desperately searching for a new look to take it into the 1990s.

But in spite of confident predictions made in public, most designers and fashion pundits agree that shifts in fashion are

getting less dramatic and increasingly difficult to identify.

The innocent days when the length of a hemline said it all, or when a new silhouette was taken up by every designer and became a "must" for any well-dressed woman are over.

Now women are confronted with a bewildering richness of choice — stylists

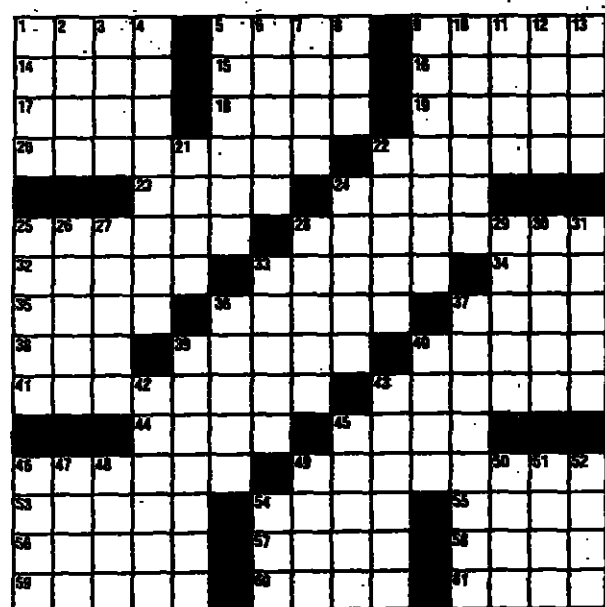
who each have their own, highly individual view of femininity and are happy to ignore what's on rival catwalks.

The starkness of come des garçons' Japanese designer Rei Kawakubo, with her obsession with black seems a million miles from the renaissance sumptuousness being shown by Italy's Romeo Gigli, currently dressing his models in multi-

layered bubble skirts and glossy velvet caps.

"More and more, the designers are doing their own thing," said fashion columnist Barbara Penrose, one of 2,000 journalists who gathered in Paris for eight days of spring and summer collections which ended on Wednesday.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Guinness
 - Exclamation
 - Badgerlike animal
 - Spanish painter
 - Two-toed sloth
 - Mountain ridge
 - Navy or firm
 - Negative contraction
 - La Scala's city
 - Passé
 - Spacecraft
 - Coup d'
 - Woe is me!
 - George Eliot's "Silas"
 - Extroverted
 - More than pleasingly plump
 - Put through a blender
 - D.C.-based org.
 - Era
 - Stringed instrument
 - Six, in dice
 - Muggy day index: Abbr.
 - Drive away
 - Part of a mart
 - Alien
 - Part of a flower
 - Copyright
 - Do an usher's job
 - Speaker
 - Eruption
 - Employs
 - Discharge
 - London art gallery
 - French painter
 - Port
 - Ian's Welsh cousin
 - "Platoon" director
 - Unique person
- DOWN**
- Pulpit, of old
 - In — of
 - Part of QED
 - Abridge
 - See 36 Across
 - Beginning
 - George —
 - French novelist
 - Hovel
 - Melee
 - 10 Type of musical composition
 - Inform
 - Latin
 - catchall abbr.
 - Comedian Jay
 - Suit to —
 - Change
 - Of the ear
 - Catchy phrase
 - Aaron's son
 - Pay
 - space
 - Dialect
 - Mother-of-pearl
 - Inexperienced
 - Member of a Scottish band
 - Passover feast
 - Laws
 - Verbal sally
 - Pierce
 - Glossy fabric
 - Hunting dog
 - Furniture set
 - Electric resistance units
 - Relative of
 - Down
 - River at Florence
 - Muscat's country
 - Kind words from Clive
 - Barnes
 - Headliner
 - Shelter at
 - Yellowstone
 - Self

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

PLAY OR DEFEND?

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 8 6
♥ 10 9 3
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 7 4 2

WEST
♠ A K Q 5 2
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ K 10 6

EAST
♠ 7 4 3
♥ 4
♦ J 9 5 4 2
♣ J 9 8 5

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ A K Q J 7 6 2
♦ A 7
♣ A Q 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1 NT Pass Pass Dbl
Pass Pass 2 ♦ 4 ♥
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠
Take a look at all four hands. After the lead of the king of spades against four hearts and a shift to the king of diamonds, would you rather declare or defend four hearts?

At rubber bridge, South's decision to double one no trump is clear — take the sure profit. At duplicate he might have to chance four hearts because of the vulnerability. And there is no question about

East's running to two diamonds — his hand is unlikely to take any tricks at no trump, but could take two or three at diamonds.

After West wins the king of spades and shifts to the king of diamonds, it might seem that declarer's only hope is the club finesse, which is destined to lose. But that overlooks the power of those intermediate cards in the major suits. As long as trumps are 2-1, declarer can't lose the contract.

Win the ace of diamonds and cross to dummy by overtaking the six of trumps with the nine. Now lead the ten of spades and discard your losing diamond. Suppose West wins the queen and tries the queen of diamonds. Ruff high, lead the seven of trumps to the ten, in the process drawing the last enemy trump, and run the nine of spades, stuffing your low club. That sets up the table's eight of spades and West is helpless. Since a club would be into your major tenace, West can do no better than play another diamond. You must again ruff high, then get to the board by overtaking your carefully-preserved two of trumps with the three. And the high eight of spades is your 10th and fulfilling trick.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
Do not lose your temper if you have done something wrong, just take steps to avoid doing it again. An outstanding debt should be settled without delay. Do not seek to do things by force, try persuasion. Be tolerant.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
You may have won a prize but it is worthwhile only if it is something you want. You should not attempt to do too many things all at once. Something that has hitherto mystified you will now become clear. Be attentive.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
The sun's better influence will help you to keep up a steady working and living rhythm. You should try not to make matters appear more complicated than they really are. A little more common sense would be useful just now. Be moderate.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**
You should try to show a little more goodwill towards others. Leave yourself with enough time for your personal affairs. Do not take exercises to the point of exhaustion. Be less lethargic.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You should not let your emotions get out of hand. You will be in high spirits and are more likely to do something silly. However, by being aware of the trend you will more easily be able to control it. Avoid becoming too tense, instead try to relax. Be reliable.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
You will be able to solve a problem that has been bothering you, simpler than you thought. You should keep your wits very much about you. The prospects are better only you must not leave things until later. Be truthful.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
You should not allow some strange idea to become an obsession. Leave a little earlier if you want to make sure of being on time. Do not allow others to take the initiative from you. Be objective.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
You will find lots of doors open to you but you must think a little if you want to be sure of entering the right one. Others will be more favourably disposed towards you. Do not expect luck and fortune to fall into your lap. Be sensible.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
You will be able to make a few changes for the better. You should not attempt to evade your responsibilities. Do not allow work to encroach upon your private life. Be magnanimous.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
You will be able to do something you have not done for a long time. Try to avoid negative considerations but do not ignore the difficulties. No time to waste but do not think tiding up is a waste of time. Be frank.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
Do not take too much for granted. Your lucky numbers are 4 and 26. You will be able to get a move on but must not try to skip too many details. You should have just a little more faith in yourself. Avoid toying with something electrical. Be reasonable.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You will be in a better mood and will find it easier able to reconcile yourself to the facts. Try to avoid running out of enthusiasm. Do not do anything that might upset your partner or offend your friends. Be sincere.

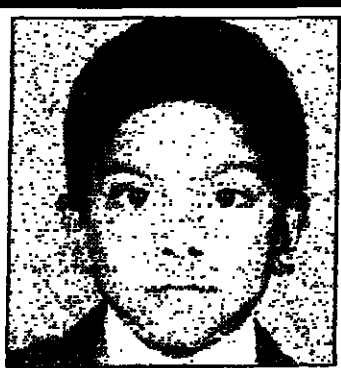
EVENTS



Ishwar



Aruna



Gershom



Malchijah

Amateur music competition

United Malayalee Organisation

LAST week the United Malayalee Organisation conducted a music competition in the Indian Embassy Auditorium.

The competition was one of the many events of Bharat Mela '89, a Nehru Birth Centenary celebration.

The programme was inaugurated by the first secretary of the Indian embassy, Abdul Khaliq; the performance was judged by Dr Siva, Chandra Mohan and Ami, Sa Surya Narayanan.

Of the many talented participants the winners are:

Vocal music

Group I: 1st prize: Sree Priya Gopalakrishnan; 2nd prize: Sahyan Appukkuttan; 3rd prize: Sabari Appukkuttan, (all Indian School — Salmiya).

Group II: 1st prize: Swapna Shree, Indian School — Salmiya; 2nd prize: Aruna Divakaran, Indian School — Mangaf; 3rd prize: Biley

Mathai, New Indian School — Jabriya.

Instrument music

Group I: 1st prize: Sumitha E. Cherian, Carmel School; 2nd prize: Gershom Yesuneson, Indian School — Salmiya; 3rd prize: Anupama Alice Joseph, Indian School — Salmiya.

Group II: 1st prize: Malchijah Yesuneson, Indian School — Salmiya; 2nd prize: Ishwar Kumar, Indian School — Salmiya; 3rd prize: Anu Jose Sebastian, Indian School — Mangaf.

Consolation prizes (for under aged children)

Sanjeev Thomas Cherian — Carmel School; Juli Mathew — Carmel School; Uthra Gopalakrishnan — Indian School — Salmiya.

All prizes will be distributed during the concluding function on November 9, 1989 at 6:00 pm at the Sharq Co-operative Auditorium.



Sanyan



Sree



Swapna



Sumetha

BBC world service highlights

Scenes from a marriage

When Ingmar Bergman's "six scenes" were first on television in his native Sweden almost everyone reputedly stayed at home to watch a moving story that could have been their own. Jane Lapotnik and Denis Quilley star as Marianne and Johan whose marriage is deteriorating. From the resultant devastation two new people slowly emerge; people who have a great ability to understand, forgive and perhaps to love again.

Thursday, Nov 2 at 14:30 and Friday, Nov 3 at 05:30.

Frequencies 17.64 MHz/17.01m, 15.07 MHz/19.91m and 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

From Britain's music festivals

The spa town of Cheltenham, famous for its ladies college, is the first of eight towns to be visited in this series of programmes from Britain's music festivals. The Russian pianist Mikhail Peletnev, winner of the 1979 Tchaikovsky prize, plays his own arrangement of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and Beethoven's Sonata in C major, Opus 53.

Sunday, Oct 29 at 18:15.

Frequencies 17.64 MHz/17.01m, 15.07 MHz/19.91m and 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

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The child behind the eyes

Yotam is a Downes Syndrome sufferer and is about to start his first day at school. He has developed a talent for painting and is eager to go but his mother, Thelma, is not so sure. In the early hours of the morning her memories return to her pregnancy, the day of the birth, and the advice of the doctors to forget her son, a recommendation she ignored. Maureen Lipman stars in this play by Nava Semel, translated by Miriam Schlessinger.

Saturday, Oct 28 at 22:01 and Monday, Oct 30 at 18:15.

Frequencies 17.64 MHz/17.01m, 15.07 MHz/19.91m and 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

Ned Sherrin's counterpoint

A college tutor, a teacher and a dental technician compete in the first round of a new musical knowledge quiz chaired by Ned Sherrin.

Sunday, Oct 29 at 23:30 and Thursday, Nov 2 at 06:30.

Frequencies 17.64 MHz/17.01m, 15.07 MHz/19.91m and 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING PERIOD

- 9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.40 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 9.55 Around the World: cartoon serial
- 10.15 Magazine d'Actualite (repetition)
- 10.30 Al Ghaba: Arabic serial (Part 9)
- 11.35 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
- 12.00 From My Kitchen: local programme

EVENING PERIOD

- 4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
- 5.45 Alice in Wonderland: cartoon serial (Part 2)

CINEMA

- Al Andalus The Annihilators
- Salmiyah Hall booked
- Al Hama Commando Wildgeese
- Drive-in Arabic film
- Al Firdous Judai
- Fahad Open Prem Rog
- Fahad Kandanthum Keitathum
- Al Jahra Arthur 2 on the Roc
- Granada State Town USA
- Sulabikhat Arabic film
- Jleeb Charithram
- Ahmedi Drive-in Blue Beard

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.38 am
Zuhr	11.32
Asr	2.42 pm
Maghreb	5.05
Isha	6.23

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (223332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

Farewell dinner

A farewell dinner was held for the departing Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of Venezuela Rafael Osuna by the Bangladesh Ambassador KM Shehabuddin on Wednesday night. The dinner was attended by the Director of Asia and Africa Department at the Foreign Ministry Abdul Aziz Al Khodari, Chief of Protocol Ahmed Al Ayoub, Deputy Director of Asia and Africa Department Hamad Al Ahmad, the Tunisian, Pakistani and Malaysian ambassadors and Hassan Mohammad Rajeh, former director of commerce and industry. Picture shows the host and Mrs Shehabuddin with the guests. (Photo: Ahmed Burni)

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Alimiyah Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem Street
Al Hajry Pharmacy
Hilali Street
Hawalli & Nagra
Al Kindi Pharmacy

Al Jabriya
Salmiya
Sima Pharmacy
Baghdad Street
Fahad
Al Wafa Pharmacy
Al Fahad

Jleeb Al Shiyyokh
Wahran Pharmacy
Jleeb Al Shiyyokh
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Jahra

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening Announcement and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Hello Kitty. A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 The Story-teller. "The Three Ravens". A German story about a wicked witch who transforms the king's three sons into "Ravens" but their sister does her best to change them back to human beings.
- 7.00 A Day in the Life. "The Vole's Tale...". A look at field rats. How they protect... How they behave themselves
- 7.30 Out of this World. "Honest Evie".



KTV 2, 6:30 — The Story-teller
8.00 News in English
8.30 Diamonds "By the Book"
9.30 Portrait of the Soviet Union. "The Golden Road"
10.30 Feature film. "The Day the Loving Stopped"
12.00 News in Brief
12.30 Magazine d'Actualite

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Art

A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

Sultan Gallery

A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery, Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

Hobby centre

New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults. For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.

SOCIAL

Festival of lights

OCT 28: A seasonal programme for IAC members and guests on Sat 28th. For passes contact Mohan George 3904817 (after 6.30pm) or Vijay Sharma (2644863).

Navellim Youth Centre

NOV 16: A annual get-together with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr

Marian — 2416945

Navellim feast

The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navellim will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

Known to be one of the biggest feasts in Salcete Goa, people from all walks of life and communities flock to Navellim Church. Likewise, it has been traditionally celebrated by Navellim youths in Kuwait with much pomp and gaiety, followed by a get-together.

Anarkali

OCT 29: Special passes for IAC members for the Anarkali Ballet available in the IAC office.

Narhana

AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narhana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/2461589/5643126.

Konkani drama

Sponsored by the new G.O.A., Goa's ace dramatist M. Boyer will present "Chintnam Zallim Sopnam" a Konkani drama at the Indian Arts Circle on the 2nd and 3rd of November 1989. The artists, all coming from Goa, will include Jacinto Vaz, Remy Colaco, Betty Naz and others. Tickets are available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near GPO).

Rock n' Roll

SPEND a night of Nostalgia with Music from 1955-1965 at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite Star of the Era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

Kuwait Kannada Koota

NOV 3, 5 pm: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day Celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact 5621922/5650264/574-5483/3714089.

Magic show

NOV 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. International ally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. For details contact Wilson 3918905, Val 5614506 after 5 pm. Tickets available at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yuletide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

Barefoot in the Park

There are now only a few tickets available for the gala performance at 8 pm on Oct 31, 1989, of the hilarious comedy "Barefoot in the Park." Tickets for the g a performance are KD4,000, which include a light buffet after the show. Other performances are from Nov 1 to 4, inclusive, at 8 pm, and tickets for these performances are KD3,000 each. The play is directed by Ken Winston and produced by Glenis Muekle. If its laughter you're after, you are advised to reserve your seats now, by ringing 3903475.

The performance will be at the Mousetrap Theatre in the New English School.

Piano Recital

THALIA Myers, a well known pianist will be giving a Piano Recital in the Mousetrap Theatre on Wednesday, November 15th at 8 pm. Tickets are KD4. Her repertoire will be music from Edwin Rozburgh, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Gabriel Jackson & Brahms.

She will also have a Master Class from 4 pm — 6 pm in the New English School on Tuesday, November 14th.

For further information please contact: 5313287 & 5313288 from 8 am — 2 pm. Saturday — Wednesday.

House guest

LEADING British theatrical group the Cafe Theatre will be staging Francis Durrbridge's House Guest at the Kuwait International Hotel on Nov 3 and 4 in the Grand Ballroom at 8:00 pm. Tickets available at reception at 2530000/8040. The group will also hold workshops with local acting groups. Informal discussions will be encouraged and emphasis will be on improvisation, voice training and movement. Interested groups to contact Public Relations or the Sales Department.

Ladies International League

THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL.

Bharathi Mela '89

A DAY of fun and enjoyment on November 3, 1989, at Indian Embassy Hall, with lots of games for children as well as adults from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. For details, please contact Tel: 4898891 or 3920820 or 5612114 or 5627718 or 3726821 or 2465712.

People's Trust Club

DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel. New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus at 4348218.

Kalpak's drama competition Kerala Arts and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is organising a Malayalam drama competition on 8th and 9th of February 1990.

One act plays of 40 minutes duration will only be considered for the competition. Prizes will be awarded for best drama, best script (only for amateur creations from Kuwait) best direction. Stage setting, best actor (Prem Nazir award) best actress & best child artist, from the selected entries.

Interested parties may send their applications along with a copy of the script to Varghese Paradayil, P.O. Box 47, 13001 Safat Kuwait.

For more details pls contact Varghese 5635481. Kurien 5658072 or Balakrishnan 4316737.

Big City Night

NOVEMBER 2: 8:00 pm — Roman Theatre on the Green Island, Sea Front. Dana Al Khaleel present Earthquake, High Spirits and Stepping Stones in an evening of rock/pop music. For ticket reservations phone 2402909, 2451844, 2451845, 9024265 (any time).

Halloween Party

CHILDREN'S Halloween Party on Oct 31 at the Kuwait International Garden Pool. Fancy costumes are a must. Delightful prizes for the fancy dresses. Games, music, entertainment, magic show, Disneyland characters, a huge Kiddie castle and "be-witching" dishes for dinner. KD3,500 for child under 12 years and KD4,500 for adult. From 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. Tickets on sale at reception.

Bob Marley Night

A TRIBUTE to the King of Reggae will be held at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club Open Air Auditorium on Thursday, November 10, 1989 from 8 pm to 10.30 pm.

Steve Michael the lead vocalist will perform 20 Marley favourites. Some of the songs will be heard live in Kuwait for the first time. He will be backed by The Reggae Connection.

Tickets priced at KD3/- are available on sale at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club — Tel: 2530388; Shaab Sea Club — Tel: 5640205; Bidaa Sea Club — Tel: 5731477 and Swan Lake Recordings Tel: 5721030.

The concert, a repeat of the show held last November at the SAS Tent, is being arranged and presented by Phil Danielle and is open to all — families and singles.

The Graz String Trio

LEADING players of the Graz Philharmonic Orchestra will play highly interesting compositions ranging from Baroque and Classical to contemporary work at the Kuwait International Hotel on Oct 29. Tickets on sale at reception for KD3,000. Tel. 2530000/8040.

Halloween Party

MESSILAH Beach Hotel is organising a Halloween Party on Tuesday Oct 31, 1989. Come dressed up in your favourite costumes. Gifts for all children. Games and prizes for games and best costumes. Adults are also welcomed!!

Narmada Theatres

NARMADA theatres, newly formed dedicated cultural organisation, is on the move to conduct a musical evening, in the near future, comprising of Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil songs, with an aim to promote and participate young talents in Kuwait. Those interested male/female singers, particularly new-comers, and musical instrumentalists may please contact C.A. John at tel. 2663946.

Bengali dance drama

The Bengali musical play "Nakshi Kathar Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladeshi poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please contact Tel. 4893424, 4744490, 4315759, 3173923, 2466562.

Up and coming events:

Bazaar NOV 2, 1989, at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room from 10am-6pm. Come along and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Tents, Al Assef Gifts, SAS Hotel and the Art Shop Salmiya will be there. Raffle and door prizes. Everyone welcome.

Flask's Halloween

THE Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flask) celebrates the finest weather in Kuwait and the magical aura Halloween night with a costume party at the Meridian Hotel's Al Jahra Ballroom on Tuesday, October 31, 1989. Flask friends and supporters should look forward to an enjoyable evening as once again Flask enjoys the Filipino community and their friends to share some of their blessings to the distressed Filipino workers in Kuwait. The proceeds of Halloween night will be used to fund the vital welfare project of Flask

which has relentlessly given assistance to the unfortunate Filipino workers here.

Guests are encouraged to wear their costumes to the affair to add an aura of mystery to the evening. Aside from a sumptuous dinner and a show featuring a bevy of talents from Flask friends, a contest among the guests will offer trophies and other valuable prizes to the spookiest costume, the most original costume and most colourful. A special contest will also judge Michael Jackson's look-alike in the best-selling movie — "Thriller." Flask's president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias and the Flask Executive Board promises a very entertaining evening for all Flask supporters. Tickets are available at KD 5 in various outlets: Bobby's gift shop, Ambassador Store, Kabayan Restaurant, Mabuhay Restaurant, Far East Restaurant and Durrani International Exchange.

For more details please contact the event chairperson Flask Pro Rose Formanites, VeeP Charv Nepomuceno Tel: 5624509, Marilyn Inductivo Tel. 3940600 ext. 4521 and 2230; RC Ruiz Tel. 4819920 or 4849400 ext. 298, Cely Cayaba, Tel. 3940600 ext. 4118, Evelyn Dango Tel. 5312700 ext. 4521 and 2269, Malou Jadena, 4892714, Eva Sabay Tel. 4872549.

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Fifa slaps life ban on Chilean goalkeeper

Belgium reach World Cup finals

LONDON, Oct. 27. (Reuters): Belgium, Sweden and South Korea secured places in next year's World Cup soccer finals in Italy on Wednesday, increasing the number of finalists to 11.

Belgium, semifinalists in Mexico in 1986, failed to produce the goal avalanche they had promised and managed only a meagre 1-1 draw against tiny neighbours Luxembourg.

Sweden, by contrast, swept stylishly into the finals for the first time since 1978, Peter Larsson and Johnny Ekstrom scoring the goals which gave them a 2-0 win over Poland in Chorzow.

The victory hoisted the Swedes to the top of European Group Two, surpassing England, who were lucky to come away from Chorzow with a goalless draw two weeks ago.

Half a world away in Singapore, South Korea reached the finals for the second time in succession by beating Saudi Arabia 2-0 in the Asian Group final qualifying tournament.

Hosts Italy, holders Argentina, Yugoslavia, Brazil, Uruguay, Costa Rica, England and Spain preceded the latest trio into the finals, which will be contested by 24 teams from June 9 to July 8.

Czechoslovakia look an overwhelming bet to clinch the second place behind Belgium in European Group Seven following their 3-0 win over Switzerland in Prague.

Portugal will need to win by at least four goals when they enter

tain the Czechoslovaks next month if they are to qualify in their place.

Turkey kept the outcome open in Group Three by thrashing Austria 3-0 in Istanbul thanks to two goals by Rıdvan Dilmen and one by Feyyaz Ucar.

The Soviet Union, who entertain Turkey on November 8, lead by two points from Turkey, East Germany and Austria, who are all bracketed together with seven points from seven games.

With two to qualify from the group, the clash between Austria and East Germany in Vienna on November 15 will be critical.

Belgium's celebrations had a hollow ring after Luxembourg denied them victory in Brussels, earning their first point in the qualifying series and enjoying the rare experience of escaping defeat on the international stage.

Bruno Versavel scored for Belgium five minutes from time to break the deadlock but Guy Hellers responded three minutes later with the Grand Duchy's second goal in Group Seven qualifiers — their first in the tournament since September 1988.

Sweden went ahead against the Poles when Larsson scored from the penalty spot in the 34th minute, but the goal of the night belonged to Ekstrom, who gathered a clearance just inside his own half, beat two defenders and hooked the ball over advancing goalkeeper Jaroslav Bakso on the hour.

Two goals in the last five minutes from Michael Bilek and Lubomir Moravcik sealed Czechoslovakia's win over Switzerland after Tomas Skuhravy had opened the Czechoslovak

account in the 17th minute.

Hwang Bo-Kwang and Hwang Seon-Hong scored the goals which saw South Korea through against Saudi Arabia. China could join them in the finals if they beat Qatar on Saturday and the United Arab Emirates lose to South Korea in the Singapore tournament.

On the negative side of the World Cup story, Chile captain Roberto Rojas was banned from playing for life by Fifa for faking injury in a World Cup qualifier against Brazil in Rio de Janeiro last month.

Goalkeeper Rojas went back on his original claim and admitted he was not hit by a flare from the crowd in a match suspended when the Chile team walked off in the second half. Fifa general secretary Sepp Blatter said, Chile has decided to appeal the ban.

Mehmed Bazdarevic was banned from international soccer for a year by Fifa on Wednesday for spitting at the referee during a World Cup qualifier against Norway this month, which rules him out of Yugoslavia's squad for the finals.

Chilean soccer officials also agreed to investigate the incident that prompted Chile to walk off in protest during the match in Rio de Janeiro.

After a hearing before Fifa's five-man disciplinary committee in Zurich earlier on Wednesday Blatter announced that Rojas would be banned from all international and club matches.

In the hearing, Blatter said Rojas had admitted he was not hit by a flare — the incident which led to the Chileans walking off the tie being abandoned.



Turkey's Mustafa Yucedag jumps for the ball over the shoulders of Kurt Russ of Austria (left) as the Austrian goalkeeper (right) watches them. (Reuters wirephoto)



Aloin Geiger (left) of Switzerland and Julius Bilek of Czechoslovakia fight for the ball during their World Cup qualifier on Wednesday. (Reuters wirephoto)



Toni Polster of Austria (right) and Turkey's Gokhan Keskin fight for the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

Arsenal knock out Liverpool from Cup

LONDON, Dec. 27. (AP): Substitute Alan Smith scored in the 80th minute Wednesday night to give Arsenal a 1-0 victory over Liverpool in the third round of the English Soccer League Cup.

Smith broke through the five-man Liverpool defense to score the game's only goal and prevent the Reds from forcing Arsenal to replay the game at Anfield stadium in Liverpool.

Tottenham won the other third-round clash between first-rounders with a 3-0 defeat of host Manchester United at Old Trafford, but Spurs lost defender Terry Fenwick with a broken leg.

Fenwick's leg was broken in the 13th minute at the end of a series of exchanges with United's Mark Hughes, but the visitors rebounded with goals from Gary Lineker, Vinny Samways and Naim.

Frank Bunn scored a League Cup record six goals as Second-Division Oldham crushed Fourth-Division Scarborough 7-0. Bunn scored five goals in the first half and netted his sixth in the final minute of the game.

The previous record of five goals was shared by five players, the most recent of whom was Cyrille Regis for Coventry against Chester in October 1985.

Dean Saunders scored twice to lead Derby to a 2-1 victory over Sheffield Wednesday in a game that featured all of its goals in the final four minutes.

In other games, Coventry defeated Queens Park Rangers 2-1, Manchester City got goals from David White, Ian Bishop and Clive Allen in a 3-1 home victory over Norwich and West Bromwich won 1-0 at Newcastle. Exeter defeated Blackpool 3-0.

There were two ties that will be replayed, Middlesbrough managing only a 1-1 home tie against Wimbledon and West Ham playing to a scoreless tie at Aston Villa.

Meanwhile seven teams will be battling for first place in the English Soccer League's First Division this weekend, with the spotlight on a hot Tottenham squad's visit to a Liverpool club that has lost twice in the last week.

The weekend begins with Everton leading the division with 19 points from 10 games, with Liverpool, Southampton and Chelsea all one point behind. Arsenal, Norwich and Tottenham have 17 points apiece.

Everton, which moved into the top spot with a 3-0 home victory last weekend over defending champion Arsenal, must travel to sixth-place Norwich on Saturday. The Canaries have not lost at home this season.

Spurs have overcome a slow start and risen to seventh place by winning their last four League games, though three of those victories have come against weak teams — Sheffield Wednesday, Charlton and Queens Park Rangers. The one impressive victory among the four was a home triumph over Arsenal.

Third-place Southampton will travel tomorrow to Manchester United, which will be missing striker Danny Wallace because of a hamstring injury.

Chelsea will be at home against Manchester City, while fifth-place Arsenal will try to break its two-match League losing streak at home against Derby and English international goalie Peter Shilton.

Results

English Football League Cup (up third round)	
Aston Villa	0
Derby	2
Exeter	3
Manchester City	3
Manchester U	0
Middlesbrough	1
Newcastle	1
Oldham	7
QPR	1
Sheff Wed	0
Sheff Utd	1
Southampton	1
Tottenham	3
Wimbledon	1
West Brom	1
West Ham	0
Wolves	0
Coventry	2

Scottish Premier Division	
Hibernian	0
St Mirren	0
Aberdeen	3
Rangers	2

Draw for the fourth round of the English League Cup soccer competition. Derby county v West Bromwich Albion, Manchester City v Coventry, Aston Villa v West Ham v Middlesbrough or Wimbledon, Oldham v Arsenal, Tranmere Rovers v Tottenham, Exeter v Sunderland or AFC Bournemouth, Crystal Palace or Nottingham Forest v Everton.

Ties to be played in the week starting November 2.

NFL owners name new commissioner

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 27. (Reuters): National Football League owners broke a seven-month deadlock yesterday by naming Paul Tagliabue as their commissioner.

Tagliabue, 48, who has been with the NFL as legal counsel for 10 years, was elected for the five-year term by the 28 club owners to succeed Pete Rozelle who announced his retirement in March after 30 years in office.

Tagliabue's election ended a bitter fight among owners, with the "old guard," supporting New Orleans Saints president Jim Finks and most of the younger owners backing Tagliabue.

Finks was originally the only candidate proposed by a committee formed of "old guard" owners and came within three votes of election in June, but his election was blocked by a revolt by the newer owners.

Rozelle this week put pressure on the owners by threatening to leave without a successor and appointed a five-member committee on Wednesday to try to break the logjam. The owners agreed to accept their recommendation.

Dan Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers, who was neutral in the issue, headed the panel which included two Finks backers, Wellington Mara of the New York Giants and Art Modell of the Cleveland Browns, and two Tagliabue supporters, Pat Bowlen of the Denver Broncos and Mike Lynn of the Minnesota Vikings.

After an all-night meeting the committee unanimously recommended Tagliabue as the new commissioner.

'Maradonas' to clash in Italian match

Juventus take on Sampdoria

THE man they call the Maradona of Montevideo meets the real thing tomorrow when Genoa host League leaders Napoli in a feast of South American soccer Italian-style.

Six stars from Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil, all nations qualified for next year's World Cup finals in Italy, will take to the field for the top-flight First Division match.

Napoli, unbeaten this season and three points clear after last week's 2-0 defeat of defending champions Internazionale, have the glitter in Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona and his Brazilian partners Careca and Alemão.

But Genoa, a Second Division side last season, can counter with three members of the Uruguay side, national captain Jose Perdomo, high-scoring Carlos Aguilera and Ruben Paz — the man fans have dubbed their own Maradona.

"They are all great champions and Sunday's going to be hard for us," Paz said of Napoli's three South Americans. "But with soccer you never know..."

In the other big match newly-inspired Juventus also face Genoa opposition when they confront Sampdoria, losing finalists in last year's European Cup Winners' Cup.

Second-placed Juventus, with League top scorer Salvatore Schillaci, have reaped seven points from their last four matches and have promised to draw level with Napoli in time for their meeting at the end of next month.

Real Madrid's British coach John Toshack marked his

preparations for today's Spanish League match at home to Sevilla with an apology.

Toshack, fined by the League's disciplinary committee for protesting to the referee during last weekend's game against Rayo Vallecano, publicly apologised to Adolfo Aldana, Sebastian Losada and Paco Llorente after saying he had sweated more than them in the Rayo match.

Real may be without Manuel Sanchis against fourth-placed Sevilla after the defender suffered an eye injury during Rayo, while striker Emilio Butragueno will probably be on the bench to ensure complete recovery from his recent muscle strain ahead of next Wednesday's European Cup clash with AC Milan.

Barcelona, currently embroiled in a pay dispute with the Catalan team's management, will be without the talents of striker Julio Salinas when they host Tenerife. He has an ankle injury.

Dutch League champions PSV Eindhoven, away to RKC Waalwijk on Sunday, seek to bounce back from an embarrassing 1-0 defeat by Vitesse last week while at the same time staying in shape for a tough European Cup match against Steaua Bucharest next Wednesday.

Assistant trainer Hans Dorjee said: "It's a difficult situation. We are not only thinking about the competition against RKC. We have one of our most important matches three days later."

Second-placed PSV face RKC without defender Ivan Nielsen



Butragueno

and midfielder Soren Lerby, the Danish pair suffering new injuries in last week's first-leg game against Steaua. The Eindhoven side must also do without striker Wim Kieft, who is serving a three-match ban.

Sixth-placed Ajax aim to make up for a poor 1-1 draw against Feyenoord last week when they

travel to Haarlem, 17th, but will be without Swedish striker Stefan Pettersson and defender Sonny Silooy, both still recovering from long-term injuries.

In France, the focus of attention last night was a crucial League clash between champions Marseille and arch-rivals Paris Saint-Germain, runners up last season.

Struggling for the past month, Paris SG were relying for the last time this year on key defender Philippe Jeanol, banned for four months by the League for spitting at a referee in a match at Mulhouse last month.

Moody international striker Eric Cantona has to miss Montpellier's match against Saint-Etienne. Cantona, who last season was excluded from both the French squad and his former club Marseille for bad temper, has been suspended by Montpellier pending a sanction. He got involved in a fight with team mate Jean-Claude Lemoult after Montpellier's 1-0 defeat at Lille last week.

Bayer Leverkusen, surprise leaders of the West German First Division, have outlined their priority ahead of this evening's home clash with Duesseldorf.

"Our aim is a place in the top five this season. That would be worth as much as being on top," Leverkusen manager Juergen Gelsdorf said.

Gelsdorf is banking on Brazilian midfielder Jorge Jorginho playing a key role against a strong Duesseldorf side who last week beat third-placed Cologne 3-1 away.

Athletics and Giants resume play

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27. (Reuters): The Oakland Athletics looked like sure winners — but that was before 11 days of waiting for this evening's third game raised a question mark over the outcome of the World Series.

As the Bay Area struggles to return to normality after the earthquake that shook northern California last week, so does baseball.

The long-delayed game three, suspended when the quake rocked the San Francisco Giants' Candlestick Park half an hour before the opening pitch, returns to the home of the National League champions.

The Oakland A's have a commanding 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series, while Giants have managed a meagre total of one run and nine hits so far.

But the layoff may tip the balance back in San Francisco's favour. The form of both sides is in doubt since healthy players are seldom subjected to such a long delay between games.

"Oakland no longer has the momentum," said San Francisco's star first baseman Will Clark.

"No one does."

The impact of the tragedy itself and related distractions may also affect the players when the games are resumed.

"Motivation is not the problem here. The problem is dealing with the events in the Bay Area the last couple of weeks," said Oakland manager Tony La Russa, who took his team to their spring training camp at Phoenix,



A's Rickey Henderson rolls the ball down his arm during practice. (Reuters wirephoto)

Arizona, for two days of practice.

The longest previous series delay occurred 78 years ago between the same two sides, who

have since changed cities. Six days of rain in 1911 held up the fourth game between the New York Giants and Philadelphia Athletics.

But as baseball commissioner Fay Vincent said: "Baseball is good at dealing with rain. We're a little weak on earthquakes." Timing is foremost in baseball and the quality of play could suffer since the game relies on split-second reflex and instinct.

"We're usually at home at this time," Giants slugger Kevin Mitchell said, taking a break from practice swings off a batting tee. "Your body knows that. It's like an alarm clock."

Mitchell's team-mate Steve Bedrosian was more fired by the prospect of getting back to pitch.

"Everyone, the players and the city alike, are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. I think we can get the excitement back in the World Series."

If the Giants can beat the A's at least twice in the three games scheduled for Candlestick, they will send the series back to Oakland for a sixth and, if necessary, a seventh game.

The A's say they will be able to play at home on Tuesday, October 31, and Wednesday, November 1, as scheduled despite a conflict with a concert by the Rolling Stones.

The Stones are due to play at the Oakland Coliseum on November 4-5 and promoters say their contract gives them use of the stadium at least four days ahead of time to set up their massive stage.

Kasparov beats Soviet defector

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (Reuters): World chess champion Garry Kasparov defeated 15-year-old Soviet defector Gata Kamsky last night in the first match played by a reigning world champion in the United States since 1907.

Over 200 spectators, many of them grand masters, watched intently as Kasparov, 26, beat Kamsky in two games of "action" chess.

"Action" chess is faster than usual, giving players 25 minutes to move. In a normal game, each player is allowed an hour and 15 minutes.

Last Sunday, Kasparov easily defeated "Deep Thought," the most advanced computer chess programme. Yesterday's match was intended to pit Kasparov against a top US grand master.

Kamsky, who holds no international titles, entered the elimination tournament at the last minute when one of 16 scheduled players failed to show up.

He then defeated 15 US grand masters to gain the right to play Kasparov. There was some tension between Kasparov, a Soviet citizen, and Kamsky, who defected from the Soviet Union in



Garry Kasparov

April with his father.

Kamsky originally wanted to dedicate the match to his stepmother Bella, whom he claims is being denied an exit visa from the Soviet Union.

But Kasparov's manager Andrew Page objected, saying he did not think it appropriate to bring political issues into the chess match.

Asked how he thought he had played, Kamsky said, "not so good. I was thinking only of my stepmother."

Kasparov, asked whether he had considered the political implications of the match, said tersely, "I had to beat him. I played chess. I had nothing else on my mind."

Allen Kaufman, executive director of the American Chess Foundation, said Kamsky practically fell into "an opening trap" during the first game, in which Kasparov had the white pieces.

The game took 51 moves before Kamsky resigned, slightly more than average.

The second game took 109 moves, over double the average. "Kamsky had an advantage, then he blundered," said Kaufman.

The meeting was the first time since 1907 that a reigning world champion has played in the United States. In that match, American Frank Marshall played world champion Emanuel Lasker of Germany.

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Climber dies

KATHMANDU, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Polish mountaineer Jerzy Kukuczka, one of the world's most successful climbers, plunged to his death on Mount Lhotse after a rope snapped, the Nepal Tourism Ministry said.

French soccer

PARIS, Oct. 27, (Reuters): The French soccer First Division will be reduced from 20 to 18 teams and a professional second division formed if the French government accepts the recommendations of an official report published on Wednesday.

Soccer friendly

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Trinidad and Tobago, battling for a place in the World Cup soccer finals next year in Italy, beat Finland 2-0 on Wednesday night in the second of two friendly matches between the two countries.

Foreign legion

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Yugoslavia, already sure of a place in next year's World Cup soccer finals, will not field their usual foreign legion of players for the last tie against Cyprus, national coach Ivica Osim said yesterday.

Pavon banned

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct. 27, (AP): French soccer player Michel Pavon was barred from international games for one year for spitting at a referee during the 1989 francophone games in Morocco, world soccer's governing body FIFA said yesterday.

Showdown delayed

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct. 27, (AP): World soccer's governing body delayed a showdown yesterday over television rights for the US-hosted 1994 World Cup by asking US soccer officials for more details on a reported deal with a US network.

Cup qualifier

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Oct. 27, (AP): Turkey yesterday asked the governing body of the international soccer organization FIFA to play its last World Cup Group Three qualification game on Nov 15 instead of Nov 8 as scheduled, the semi-official Anadolu news agency reported.

Shopping lists

LONDON, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Tony Kukoc, the off-guard from European champions Yugoslavia, is the next Yugoslav on the shopping list of professional clubs from America's National Basketball Association (NBA).

Japanese boxer

TOKYO, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Japan's Fujio Ozaki will challenge American World Boxing Association welterweight champion Mark Breland in Tokyo on December 10, Ozaki's managers said today.

Fuller better

PALO ALTO, Calif., Oct. 27, (Reuters): Jeff Fuller of the San Francisco 49ers is less seriously hurt than "originally feared" but it is uncertain whether he will be able to play in the National Football League again, the club said on Wednesday.

US ahead

TOKYO, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Colleen Walker birdied her final two holes for a three-under-par 69 today take the first round lead and help put the United States ahead in the \$350,000 US Japan LPGA Team Golf Championship.

Unchanged side

EDINBURGH, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Fiji have named the same side which beat the French Barbarians 32-16 in Bordeaux on Sunday for their rugby union international against Scotland at Murrayfield tomorrow.

Positive test

WARSAW, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Polish boxer Dariusz Czerwik, who won a silver medal at the European Championships in June, has tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid testosterone, the Polish Boxing Union (PBU) said yesterday.

Stage set for world's richest indoor tennis tourney

PARIS, Oct. 27, (Reuters): The world's richest indoor tennis championship opens in Paris on Monday with some of the sport's top names returning to the scene of past triumphs in quest of further success.

Of the world's top 20 ranked players, only number one Ivan Lendl, Jimmy

Connors and Andre Agassi will be missing from the \$1.3 million Bercy tournament.

West German Boris Becker, winner of the first Bercy championship in 1986, will share the spotlight with American Michael Chang, who returns to Paris after a surprise win at the French Open at

Roland Garros in June.

Stefan Edberg, beaten by Chang in the Roland Garros final, and John McEnroe, finalist at the Toulouse Open this month, will also be back in action in France.

Becker, world number two since he won the US Open in September, will first have to put behind him a knee injury

suffered at Stuttgart early this month.

He chose a doubles match alongside compatriot Michael Stich in Frankfurt this week to test his form.

Becker will not be the only convalescing player. Frenchman Yannick Noah attempts to regain his form following a two-month break from competition after

he suffered burns during a barbecue.

Chang, ranked sixth in the world, faces an uphill task to live up to his reputation in Paris. Since his sensational win here, his only performance of note has been to reach the Los Angeles final last month.

His compatriots look far better placed to dethrone Israel's Amos Mansdorf, in

poor form.

McEnroe will be eager for revenge after his defeat in Toulouse at the hands of arch-rival Connors, while Brad Gilbert, finalist in his last two tournaments, Tim Mayotte, winner at Bercy in 1987, and Aaron Krickstein add to a strong American challenge.

McEnroe in 3rd round

Lendl rallies for victory

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Defending champion John McEnroe edged nearer to the coveted diamond trophy yesterday by beating Frenchman Henri Leconte in the second round of the \$1.05 million European Community Tennis Championship.

McEnroe, the second seed, could win the \$1 million trophy, made of 18-carat gold and encrusted with 1,817 diamonds, if he retains his title on Sunday.

The trophy is on offer to anyone who wins the tournament three times in five years and McEnroe also won in 1986. The New Yorker stormed through the first set 6-1 in 37 minutes but it was quite a different matter thereafter that took the match to three sets before he won 3-6, 6-6.

He began the second-set complaining about the quality of the balls and by the fourth game was arguing with the umpire. McEnroe soon needed all his energy to pull back from 2-5 and 0-40 and three setpoints for Leconte. At 30-30 in the ninth game with Leconte leading 5-3, the Frenchman hit an ace which McEnroe saw out.

First the bad boy of tennis rushed to the umpire and next to the linesman but eventually he resumed play and immediately

lost the next point and the second set 6-3.

In the close final set McEnroe continued arguing, yelled obscenities and tried to kick his racket before winning the match, 3-6, on two double faults from Leconte.

The Frenchman, who had a back operation earlier this year,

complained afterwards that his back troubled him towards the end of the match, especially when serving.

Earlier yesterday Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, the top seed, and Miloslav Mecir were put through a stern test before qualifying for today's quarter-finals.



Lendl returns a shot to Chesnokov. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lendl was humiliated in the second set before downing Soviet player Andrei Chesnokov 7-5 6-6 2-6 while Olympic champion Mecir came from behind to upset seventh seed American Aaron Krickstein 5-7 7-6 (7-4) 6-0.

Lendl was subdued during the second set but showed he too could be aggressive in the third set when he threw his racket to the ground after hitting long forehand shots.

He shouted and once yelled 'idiot' before pulling himself together to finish off Chesnokov, last year's beaten finalist.

"I was just playing wrong shots at wrong times. It just happens sometimes and I think it has to do with being a little bit mentally tired from playing a lot of matches," Lendl said.

Krickstein, winner of three Grand Prix tournaments this year, appeared headed for victory until 4-1 in the second set tie-breaker.

But everything went wrong after that for the 22-year-old American, whose career has been checked with injuries after bursting on the scene at the age of 16.

First Mecir needed off six consecutive points to win the tie-break and kept the momentum going to make short work of the final set, recording 6-0 in just 23 minutes.



Mandlikova hits a backhand shot. (Reuters wirephoto)

Players paid too much, says Graf

BRIGHTON, England, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf cruised into the last eight of the Brighton Indoor Women's Championship yesterday and then said top tennis players were paid too much.

"The money is getting crazy now. It's just too much," said Graf, a millionaire several times over, after beating fellow-West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 6-0 6-3.

Czechoslovak-born Australian Hana Mandlikova, the former French, Australian and US Open champion, also went through to the quarterfinals with a 7-5 6-3 win over Italy's Laura Golarsa.

Graf, who has already won \$1,358,905 in prize money this year, will pocket another \$31,600 this week if, as seems likely, she wins the tournament.

Referring to the new Grand Slam Cup which will offer \$6 million in prize money for a 10-man tournament to be held in West Germany in December 1990, Graf said the prize seemed far too much for what was being offered.

"Only the top players will be getting that money and they make enough already," she said. When told that \$2 million would go to world-wide junior development, she replied: "They are only doing that to make it sound better."

The Cup will be restricted to those men who perform best at the four major tournaments — Wimbledon and the Australian, French and US Opens.

Graf's performance on court yesterday was just as forthright as her opinions on the financial state of the sport. She dropped only 18 points in the first eight games and went on to win in 52 minutes.

Mandlikova, who took 64 minutes to beat Golarsa, was 5-4 down in the first set before she produced her best form to win five successive games. "That was one of my best spells of the year," she said later.

But she lost concentration again and went 3-2 down before pulling herself together to race through the next four games for a convincing, if erratic, victory. Mandlikova was to meet 15-year-old Yugoslav Monica Seles this evening.

Hammond takes first-round lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., Oct. 27, (Reuters): Donnie Hammond continued his torrid scoring streak yesterday, shooting a six-under-par 65 to gain the first-round lead in the \$2.5 million Hilton Head Island golf championship.

"Hammond was 22-under-par in winning the Texas Open three weeks ago. The Tour did not have an event the next week, and then Hammond was second last week with a 15-under-par total for the week. In his last nine rounds of golf, he is 43-under-par."

Greg Norman of Australia bogeyed the last

hole today to drop back into a tie for second place with Mark O'Meara at four-under-par 67.

Defending champion Curtis Strange was tied with Fred Couples for fourth place at 3-under-par 68.

Hammond had two rounds of 64 and five rounds of 65 in his streak.

"This is a hell of a run to be in," he said. "I'm just trying to stay relaxed and confident. It's difficult to do both at the same time. I have a tendency to get too tense."

Hammond had eight birdies and two

bogeys, but the birdies that gave him the lead came on the closing holes. After a bogey at the 16th, he birdied the par-three 17th hole with a seven-iron shot and putted for six feet.

Norman, who won on the harbour town course two years ago in the Heritage Classic, had six birdies and two bogeys. One of the latter came on the long 18th hole when he hit a three iron far to the right of the green and was unable to save his par.

"I drove the ball extremely well," he said. "The only mistake I made all day was the 2-iron shot at the 18th."

PGA Tour keeps 15-event rule

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., Oct. 27, (Reuters): The PGA Tour has rejected a move by foreign golfers to reduce the number of tournaments they must play in the United States each season, retaining its minimum requirement of 15 events.

Commissioner Deane Beman has blamed the attitude of "certain foreign players" for the failure of his proposal for members of overseas circuits to compete in only 12 events to retain their membership of the US Tour.

After meeting several foreign stars last summer at the US Open, Beman drew up a plan that would allow overseas players to compete in only 12 events. However, three of them would be from a list of weaker tournaments.

His plan was tentatively approved last August by the Tour's policy board, but at a meeting this week the same group reversed its position and rejected the proposal.

"The plan did not receive the full support of the foreign players, our own membership and the tournament sponsors," Beman said in a statement.

"We were disappointed because a similar proposal was made a couple of years ago and it failed," he added.

The proposal met with hostility from the majority of US players. Beman said, "while the leading foreign players felt it did not go far enough, certain foreign players undercut the proposal, so it just couldn't go through."

Foreign golfers who discussed the issue with Beman at the US Open were Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle of Britain and Bernhard Langer of West Germany, who all play on the European Tour, and Isao Aoki of Japan who also plays in Asia.

Ballesteros, a frequent critic of Beman, expressed scepticism about the new plan while Faldo doubted that it would make the situation easier for the foreigners.

Ballesteros lost his PGA membership in 1986 for failing to play in enough events. Since then he has played in only a few US tournaments each year plus the major championships, which are outside the jurisdiction of the PGA Tour.

Two-way tie

TOKYO, Japan, Oct. 27, (Reuters): Overnight co-leader Doug Tewell of the United States sank a brilliant eagle in the 18th hole today to maintain a joint second round lead with Taiwan's Chen Tze-ming in the 160 million yen (\$11.13) Lark Cup golf tournament.

Tewell, 40, scored an 18-foot chip-in eagle in the 536-yard final hole for a total of 138 after shooting one birdie and two bogeys over the 7,156-yard par-72 ABC Golf course in western Japan.

"I failed to sink four to five birdies today. But I managed to get along. I hope to stay in form tomorrow," said Tewell, without a win since he took the 1987 Pensacola Open.



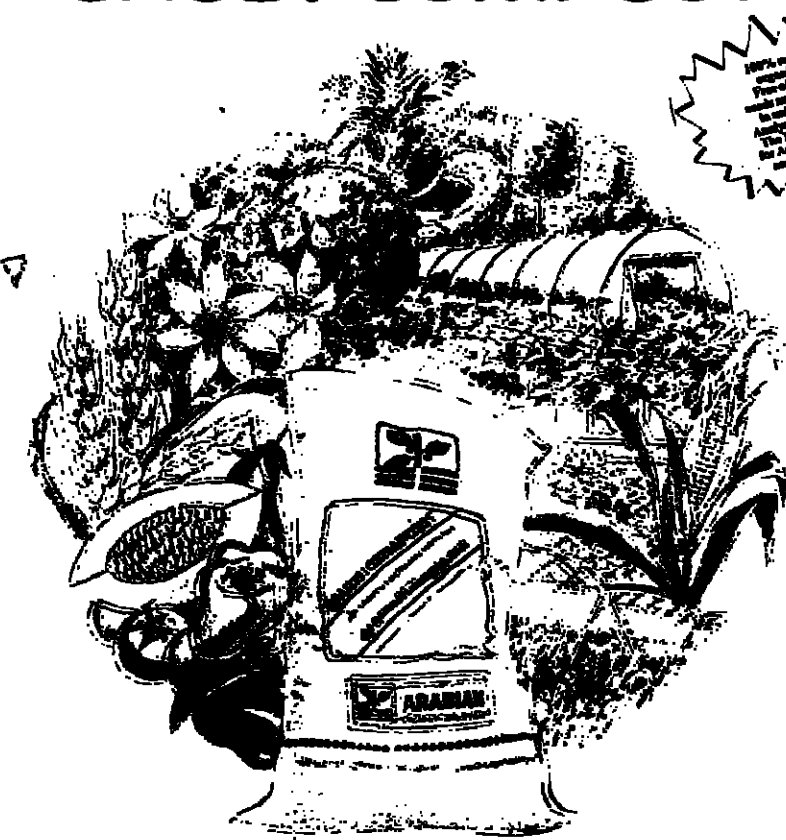
Indian School holds sports meet

The Indian School (Junior), Kuwait, held their annual sports meet at the Government Boys School, Rumithiya on Thursday. The meet drew a large crowd and all the events were hotly contested by the participants. Above: winners of various events at the meeting. (Photos by Manzar Houriya).



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FIA decision

PARIS, Oct 27, (Reuters): The International Automobile Federation (FIA) will not announce any decision on an appeal by the McLaren team against Ayrton Senna's disqualification in last Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix next Tuesday.

Polish defender

GLASGOW, Oct 27, (Reuters): Scottish Premier Division processors Celtic have signed Polish international defender Dariusz Wondolowski for £400,000 (£630,000), the Glasgow club said today.

Amateur boxing

SYDNEY, Australia, Oct 27, (AP): Australia will host the World Amateur Boxing Championships in 1991, New South Wales state Premier Nick Greiner confirmed today.

Collins' purse

MEXICO CITY, Oct 27, (Reuters): The World Boxing Council said yesterday it would temporarily withhold the purse of British challenger Tom Collins who lost a middleweight championship fight to Australian Jeff Harding on Tuesday.

Chief organiser

OSLO, Oct 27, (Reuters): Gerhard Heberg, one of Norway's top businessmen, yesterday took over as the chief organiser for the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, amid reports that costs were well above expectations.

NFL teams

MOSCOW, Oct 27, (UPI): Former Green Bay Packer star Jerry Kramer said yesterday he is spearheading an effort to bring two National Football League teams to Moscow next year for the first American professional football game in the Soviet Union.

Title defense

LONDON, Oct 27, (AP): Dave McAuley of Northern Ireland said yesterday he will make the first defense of his International Boxing Federation flyweight title early next month against Dodi Penafosa of the Philippines.

Douglas hurt

LONDON, Oct 27, (AP): Boxer Rod Douglas spent his 25th birthday in intensive care yesterday following surgery to remove a blood clot close to his brain, one day after he lost a British middleweight title fight.

Dutch soccer

ROTTERDAM, Oct 27, (UPI): The Dutch Soccer Federation is considering introducing membership passes allowing only home team fans to attend matches in the wake of last Sunday's incident during the Ajax-Feyenoord League match at Amsterdam where 14 people were injured by two home-made bombs.

Drug test

LONDON, Oct 27, (AP): Greek sprinter Aikaterina Kofa will be suspended from track competition for two years after failing a drug test at a meet earlier this year in Scotland, officials said.

Morris released

BIRMINGHAM, England, Oct 27, (UPI): Former England youth soccer international Ronnie Morris, who was released by Birmingham City last week, has signed for Italian junior club Pistoiese for a £30,000 signing-on fee. The 19-year-old midfielder, who played 14 times for Birmingham, is now the only Briton playing in Italian soccer.

De Silva nearly turns the tables

Imran saves Pakistan from defeat

LUCKNOW, India, Oct 27, (Reuters): A superb, unbeaten 84 by captain Imran Khan helped to save Pakistan from an embarrassing defeat by Sri Lanka today and kept alive their hopes of qualifying for the semifinals of the Nehru Cup one-day cricket tournament.

After Pakistan had slumped to 70 for four with half their 50 overs bowled, Imran played a masterful innings to take them to 219 for six.

Spearheaded by a magnificent 150-run third wicket stand between Hashan Tillekeratne and Aravinda de Silva, Sri Lanka reached 187 for two but then collapsed, losing their last eight wickets for 26 runs and were all out for 213.

Sri Lanka, who beat West Indies earlier in the tournament, looked set for their second surprise victory when they reached 212 for six with two overs remaining.

But then pace bowler Wasim Akram took two wickets with successive deliveries, Asoka de Silva was run out and Roshan Mahanama was bowled by leg-break bowler Abdul Qadir to give Pakistan victory by six runs.

Imran was made Man of the Match, but in form Aravinda de

Silva, who scored 96 against Australia two days ago, came close to leading Sri Lanka to an upset win over last week's Sharjah Cup one-day champions.

He hit two sixes and three fours in his 83 while Tillekeratne was more sedate, managing only one six and one four in making 71.

Imran admitted afterwards that Pakistan, who have one match remaining in the six-nation tournament against hosts India in Calcutta on Saturday, were lucky to escape defeat.

Coming in when Pakistan had lost four wickets for 70 runs with half of their 50 overs bowled, Imran picked his shots with calm assurance to take them to a respectable 219 for six.

Imran made his runs off 110 balls and hit three boundaries. The Pakistan captain and Salim Malik took the total to 115 before Malik fell to Aravinda de Silva for 27 but then Abdul Qadir joined Imran to add a further 57 for the sixth wicket.

Qadir became De Silva's second victim when he was neatly caught and bowled for 18, after which all-rounder Wasim Akram (29) gave his captain the support he needed to add a brisk



Imran: Man of the Match

47 in the final overs.

Pakistan, who won the toss and decided to bat, lost three wickets in the space of two runs early in their innings.

Asoka de Silva bowled Shoaib Mohammad for 11, Rameez Raja was run out for 17 and Ejaz Ahmed was dismissed without

scoring to leave last week's Sharjah Cup winners on a perilous 32 for three after 15 overs.

Scoreboard

PAKISTAN
Rameez Raja run out 17
Shoaib Mohammad b Asoka de

Silva 11
Ejaz Ahmed c Karuppa b Wijesinghe 9
Salim Malik c Ranatunga b Aravinda de Silva 27
Imran Khan not out 84
Abdul Qadir c and b Aravinda de Silva 18
Wasim Akram b Laloooy 29
Asim Malik not out 19
Extras (b-3 lb-4 w-5) 14
Total (six wickets - 50 overs) 219

Did not bat: Akram Reza, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed
Bowling: Ranatunga 10-2-48-4, Laloooy 10-4-32-1, Wijesinghe 10-4-36-1, Asoka de Silva 10-2-31-1, Aravinda de Silva 10-4-43-2.

SRI LANKA
R. Karuppa b Younis 8
H. Tillekeratne run out 71
A. Gurusinghe c and b Akram Reza 8
Aravinda de Silva c S. Malik b Reza 3
A. Samarasekera b Qadir 3
A. Ranatunga run out 5
R. Mahanama b Qadir 11
R. Ranatunga b Wasim Akram 6
G. Laloooy b Wasim Akram 6
Asoka de Silva run out 0
K. Wijesinghe run out 0
Extras (b-3 lb-7 w-4) 24
Total (49.2 overs) 213
Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-37 3-157 4-194 5-202 6-202 7-212 8-212 9-213.

Bowling: Younis 6-2-14-1, Akram 10-1-38-2, Reza 10-4-34-2, Ahmed 8-1-39-4, Qadir 7-2-36-2, Imran Khan 7-4-29-4, Shoaib 1-4-11-4.
Result: Pakistan won by six runs
Man of the Match: Imran Khan

Shield cricket

BRISBANE, Australia, Oct 27, (Reuters): Scores at the close of the third day of the four-day Sheffield Shield cricket match between Queensland and Victoria today:
Victoria 235 and 24 for one Queensland 317 (Peter Cantrell 125, Greg Ritchie 56, Tony Dodemaide four for 76).

Danish fans

COPENHAGEN, Oct 27, (UPI): Less than 100 tickets for Denmark's World Soccer Cup qualifier against Romania in Bucharest Nov 15 will be sold to Danish fans through the Danish Soccer Union, as compared to some 5,000 who wanted to attend the match.

India move into Cup semifinals

BANGALORE, India, Oct 27, (Reuters): Adventurous batting by India's tail-enders and a fine all-round performance from Ajay Sharma took India into the semifinals of the Nehru Cup one-day cricket tournament today.

After Australia, who won the toss and elected to bat, had scored 247 for eight in their 50 overs, India responded with 249 for seven with 17 balls to spare.

Firecrackers were let off in the packed stands as more than 50,000 people roared when Chetan Sharma hit a six over mid-wicket off Simon O'Donnell to clinch the match.

Sharma, who scored 101 not out in India's win over England two days ago, was unbeaten on 20 as he and Manoj Prabhakar (16 not out) took them past the target with an unbroken eighth wicket stand of 40.

India had earlier looked in danger of defeat despite a 115-run opening stand between captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth, who made 58 and Raman Lamba (57).

But Ajay Sharma, who had taken three Australian wickets with his left-arm spinners, hit three sixes in making 32 to turn the game back in India's favour. He was named Man of the Match.

Greg Matthews, flown in earlier in the week as a replacement for injured fellow opp-spinner Tim May, took



Ajay Sharma

three wickets for Australia but at a cost of 56 runs.

The Australian total was founded on a quickfire start by opener David Boon, who scored 42 out of the first 50 in 46 minutes. He fell after adding seven more to his total but Dean Jones with 53 and captain Allan Border (41) kept the runs flowing.

Boon was particularly severe on pace bowler Manoj Prabhakar, hitting him for three fours in one over, but then fell to the gentle medium pace of Mohinder Amarnath, who had him caught in the covers by Srikkanth.

Fellow opener Geoff Marsh and Jones put on 50 for the second wicket before Marsh was stumped by Kiran More off left-arm Ajay Sharma for 27.

Border and Jones speeded up the scoring rate as Jones raced to his 50 in 81 minutes off 68 balls, hitting one four and a huge six over long on. But three runs later he edged a catch to More while attempting to pull Sharma.

Sharma also bowled Border with a fine delivery that turned back between bat and pad, and he finished with three for 41 in his 10 overs.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA
D. Boon c Srikkanth b Amarnath 49
G. Marsh at More b A. Sharma 27
D. Jones c More b A. Sharma 53
A. Border b A. Sharma 41
S. Waugh c A. Sharma b Kapil Dev 28
G. Matthews lbw b Kapil Dev 5
S. O'Donnell c Shastri b Prabhakar 17
I. Healy not out 14
M. Hughes run out 1
G. Lawson not out 3
Extras (b-1 lb-7 w-1) 9
Total (eight wickets - 50 overs) 247
Fall of wickets: 1-59 2-109 3-165 4-188 5-203 6-214 7-233 8-236
Did not bat: T. Alderman
Bowling: Prabhakar 7-1-35-1, Kapil Dev 10-8-49-2, C. Sharma 3-0-22-0, Amarnath 10-0-43-1, Ayub 10-0-49-4, A. Sharma 10-4-41-3.
INDIA
K. Srikkanth c O'Donnell b Matthews 58
R. Lamba lbw b Matthews 57
M. Amarnath b Matthews 5
D. Vengarkar c Boon b Lawson 25

Games delegations start arriving



Sheikh Fahd with the Argentine

THE deputy chairman of the organising committee of the Peace and Friendship Games, Sheikh Fahd bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, yesterday thanked the newsmen operating the press centre of the Games. Sheikh Fahd addressed the centre and explained to them the importance of the coming period.

Sheikh Fahd also received an Argentinian traveller who is going round the world and is in Kuwait now. Sheikh Fahd heard from him the object of his adventure.

Sheikh Fahd will open today, an arts exhibition for young artists. 350 paintings will be exhibited at Al Arabi Club. The exhibition is being held on the occasion of the Peace and Friendship Games.

As only two days remained for the opening of the first ever Islamic sports carnival in which



45 Islamic countries are taking part, delegations participating in the event started arriving. Senegal delegation was the first to arrive on Tuesday. Delegations of Pakistan, Cameroon, Djibouti, Sierra Leone, Mauritania, Chad, Gambia, Burkina Faso, Maldives, were among the teams who arrived in the past two days. Many other



Samuel Esingo

delegations will arrive in Kuwait today. Most of the delegations will be in Kuwait before Monday, Oct 30 the inauguration day.

Heads of the arriving delegations praised Kuwait, HH the Amir and Kuwaiti sports officials for organising the first ever pan-Islamic Games. Mahfouz Awad, head of Djibouti delegation said it was a great honour for them to participate in the Games. Djibouti is to compete in the Athletics section. Khalid Hussain head of the Pakistani delegation expressed pleasure in taking part in the first tournament for Muslims. He said that HH the Amir's initiative for the Games, has many noble and great benefits in favour of Muslims unity and solidarity. Pakistan will take part in the volleyball competition.

The head of the Cameroon delegation, Samuel Esingo des-

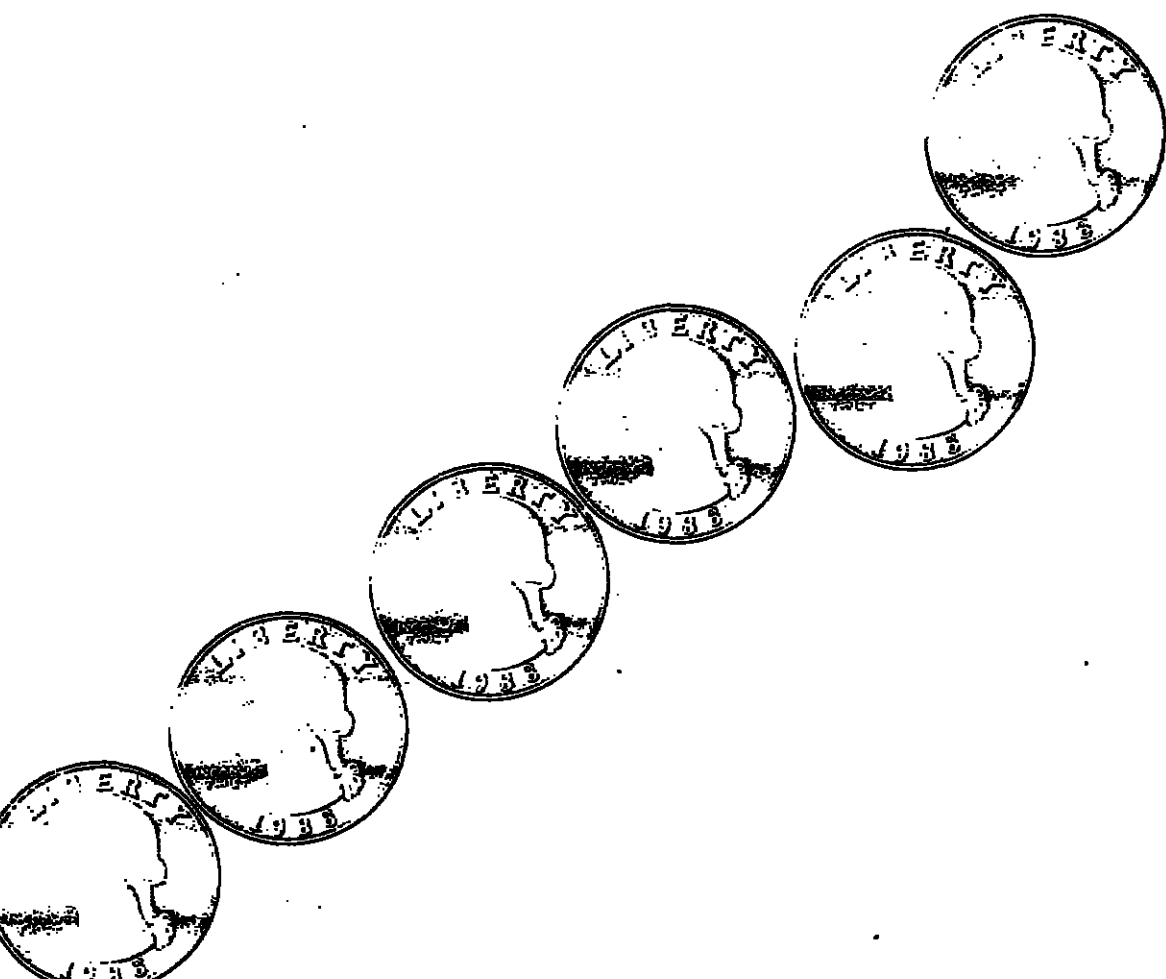


A Burkino Faso athlete

cribed the idea of the Games as excellent stressing that it strengthens peace and friendship among nations. He headed a 20-strong man delegation, including the basketball team. Most of the teams which arrived responded to the call of the organising committee by bringing trees from their countries to be planted in a new park to be named the Peace and Friendship Park. The delegation of Burkina Faso brought a special tree which can live up to 500 years and can reach a height of 45 metres. Burkino Faso will compete in the handball competition.

Heads of the Maldives and Mauritania delegations, both taking part in the athletics competition, praised the Games and Kuwait for holding it. President of the International Volleyball Federation, Robin Acosta will hold a press conference on Tuesday, Oct 31 at the press centre.

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